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"With Doug's arms around me,
there was no longer room
for bitterness in my heart..."

See -

I HATED MEN



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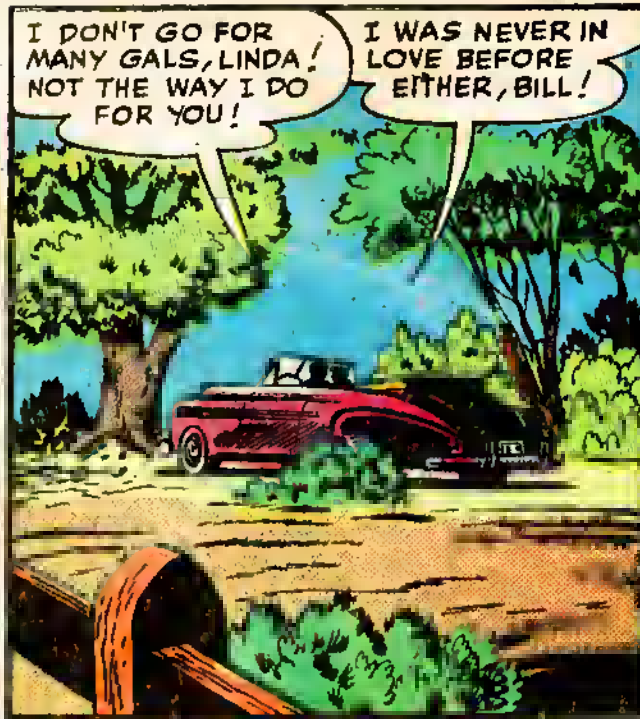
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WHEN I TORE UP MY WEDDING GOWN, I VOWED THAT I WAS THROUGH WITH MEN! TO ME THEY WERE ALL ALIKE --- EVIL AND DECEITFUL AND SELFISH! WHEN YOU READ OF MY BITTER EXPERIENCE, MAYBE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY---

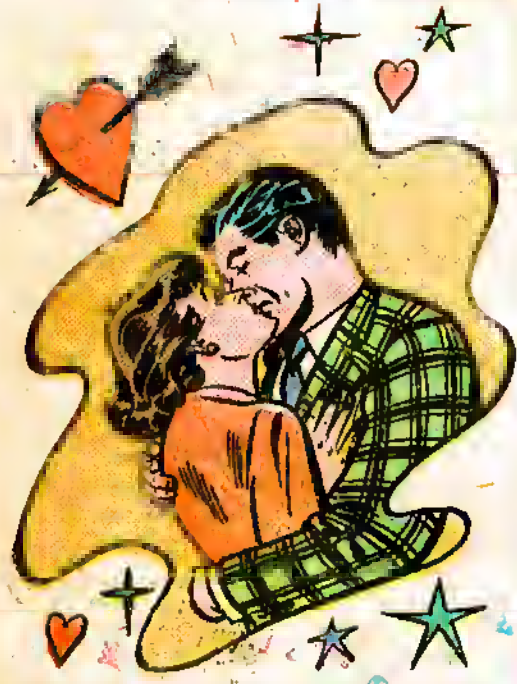
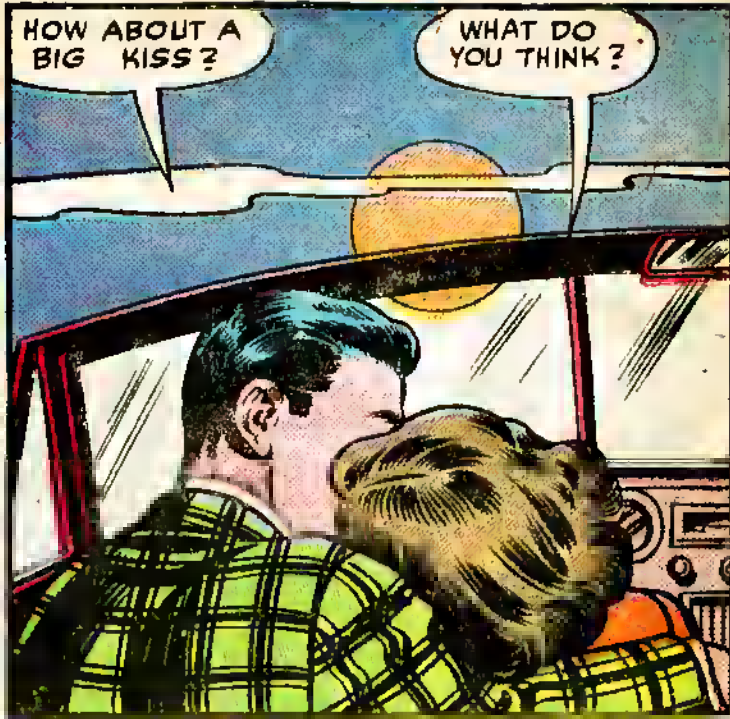
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I WAS NEVER IN
LOVE BEFORE
EITHER, BILL!



HIS KISSES WERE ROUGH BUT
IRRESISTIBLE! OUR BRIEF
ROMANCE WAS MADNESS, BUT
THERE WAS MAGIC IN IT! A KIND
OF BLACK MAGIC AS I SEE IT
NOW!



It
SEEMED
TOO
GOOD
TO BE
TRUE!
BUT
WHEN I
TOLD
MOM...





IT COULDN'T BE A MISTAKE! NOT WHEN I LOVE HIM SO MUCH!

THAT ISN'T ALWAYS ENOUGH! I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO GO THROUGH WHAT I DID!

OF COURSE I KNEW WHAT MOM MEANT! SHE HAD LOVED MY DAD BUT HE'D WALKED OUT ON HER WHEN I WAS A BABY! SHE'D STRUGGLED TO BRING ME UP AND DID IT WITH A BROKEN HEART!

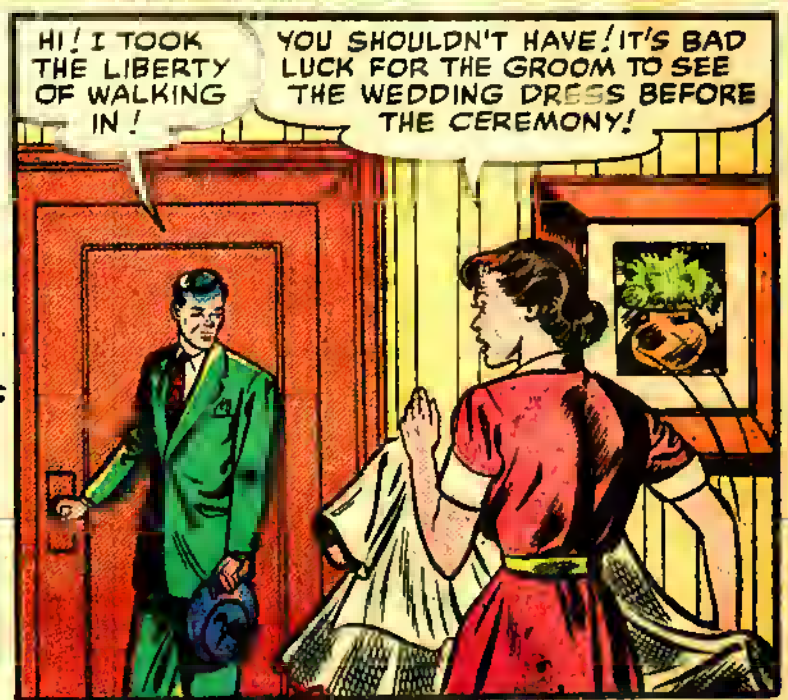


BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME! BILL WOULD NEVER BE LIKE THAT!



I'LL ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT RIGHT AWAY, THEN START MAKING PLANS FOR THE WEDDING!

AFTER THAT, I HEARD RUMORS THAT BILL WAS GOING AROUND WITH ANOTHER GIRL BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT! HE SAID NOT AND THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR ME! IT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE WEDDING WHEN...



HI! I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WALKING IN!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE! IT'S BAD LUCK FOR THE GROOM TO SEE THE WEDDING DRESS BEFORE THE CEREMONY!



ALL SET, HUH? WHAT I CAME TO TELL YOU IS THAT I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE THINGS FOR A WHILE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT'S WRONG?



WELL, DAD HASN'T SENT MY ALLOWANCE CHECK AND... ER--I CAN'T GET MARRIED WITHOUT MONEY!

IS THAT ALL? GEE, FOR A MINUTE YOU HAD ME SCARED!



THE INVITATIONS ARE MAILED AND WE CAN'T CALL IT OFF NOW! I HAVE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE BANK, DARLING! WILL THAT TIDE US OVER?

SURE! I WON'T TURN IT DOWN!

That WAS IT! I GAVE BILL PARKER THE MONEY THE NEXT DAY AND I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN! HE LEFT TOWN WITH THE OTHER GIRL! I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAS WORSE, THE HUMILIATION OR THE HEART-ACHE!



MOM, I SOBE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I THINK I'LL DIE!

WE CAN LIVE THROUGH LOTS OF THINGS, LINDA! I'D SAY IT'S GOOD RID-DANCE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I GUESS MEN ARE ALL ALIKE, JUST A BUNCH OF CHEAP, CONNING BEASTS WITHOUT AN OUNCE OF DECENCY! I HATE THEM!



I HATE THEM ALL! I'LL NEVER LIKE ANOTHER MAN AS LONG AS I LIVE!



My BITTERNESS BECAME AN OBSESSION! BUT I COULDN'T AVOID MEN COMPLETELY! MOM AND I MOVED TO THE CITY AND I HAD TO FIND A JOB AND NATURALLY I HAD TO WORK FOR A MAN! HIS NAME WAS DOUG RANDOLPH!

I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE THE WORK HERE, MISS GRAY! OUR IMPORTING OFFICE IS SMALL BUT WE MAINTAIN OTHERS ABROAD! I'VE JUST TAKEN OVER THE BUSINESS SO THAT'S WHY I NEED A NEW SECRETARY!



YOU SEE, DAD DECIDED TO TAKE IT EASY FOR A WHILE! BUT TOGETHER, I GUESS YOU AND I CAN HANDLE THINGS!

I'LL DO MY BEST!



IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT, MISS GRAY, JUST LET ME KNOW!

I WILL, MR. RANDOLPH!



HE SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT, SO FAR! AS MEN GO!



I'LL DO A GOOD JOB AND WORK HARD AT THE BUSINESS AS LONG AS HE MINDS HIS!



HE DID AND AS TIME WENT BY, I BEGAN TO RELAX AND OUT-LIVE A LITTLE OF MY RIGID RESENTMENT. THE EXPERIENCE WITH BILL BEGAN TO ASSUME THE ASPECTS OF A BAD DREAM AND I ACTUALLY FOUND MYSELF RESPECTING DOUG! ON OCCASIONS, I EVEN HAD DINNER WITH HIM! ONE EVENING...

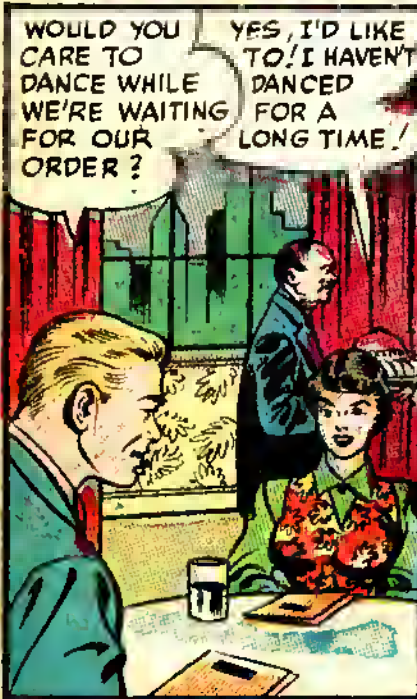
I'M SORRY I HAD TO KEEP YOU OVERTIME LIKE THIS! LET'S HAVE DINNER AND THEN I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!

SUITS ME! I'M STARVED!



WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR OUR ORDER?

YES, I'D LIKE TO! I HAVEN'T DANCED FOR A LONG TIME!



YOU SHOULD! A LITTLE RELAXATION IS GOOD FOR EVERYBODY!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT!



I LIKED FEELING GAY AGAIN! WHEN DOUG TOOK ME HOME ---

YOU'RE A SWEET KID, HONEY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU!

I'M GLAD MY WORK HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY!



IT'S GONE A LITTLE BEYOND THAT, LINDA! I WANT TO ---

NO! D-DON'T!



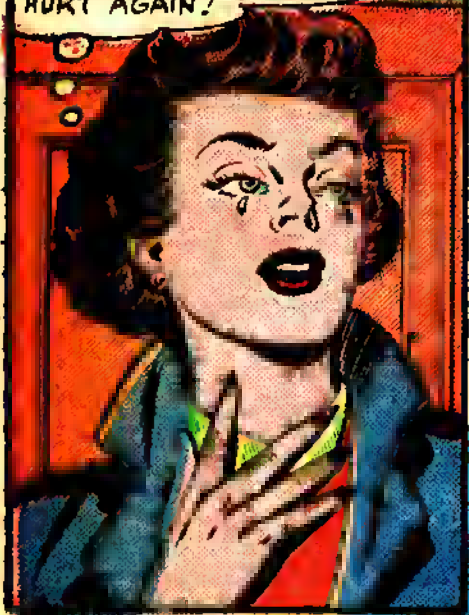
I --- I HAVE TO GO IN NOW!

WHATEVER YOU SAY! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!



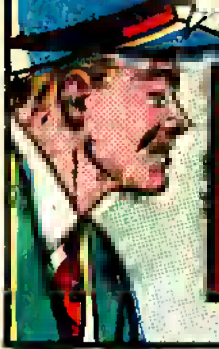
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I WANTED TO BE IN HIS ARMS BUT I DON'T DARE! I'LL NEVER LET MYSELF GET HURT AGAIN!

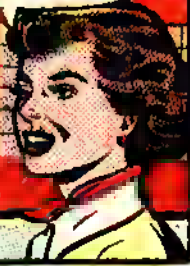


DOUG MUST HAVE BEEN PUZZLED BY MY BEHAVIOR BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO WONDER LONG! THE NEXT DAY IT ALL CAME OUT IN THE OPEN! IT WAS ABOUT MID-AFTERNOON WHEN...

I'VE BEEN EXPECTING A CUSTOMER FOR HOURS AND HE HASN'T SHOWN UP! NOW I HAVE GET TO THE WAREHOUSE! THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THINGS HERE?



YES, OF COURSE!

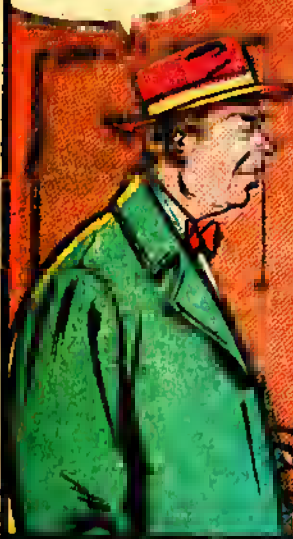


GOOD GIRL! JUST TAKE HIM TO THE SHOWROOM AND LET HIM LOOK AROUND!

IF HE WANTS TO PLACE AN ORDER, I'LL TAKE IT!



HELLO! IS MR. RANDOLPH IN? HE WAS EXPECTING ME EARLIER BUT...



I'M SORRY BUT MR. RANDOLPH COULDN'T WAIT! BUT I'LL BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU AROUND!



RIGHT THIS WAY!



HMM! NOT BAD!



YOU CAN LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHAT YOU WANT! THEN...

I KNOW WHAT I WANT! YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE!



COME HERE, BABY!

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!





AWG!

LAP!



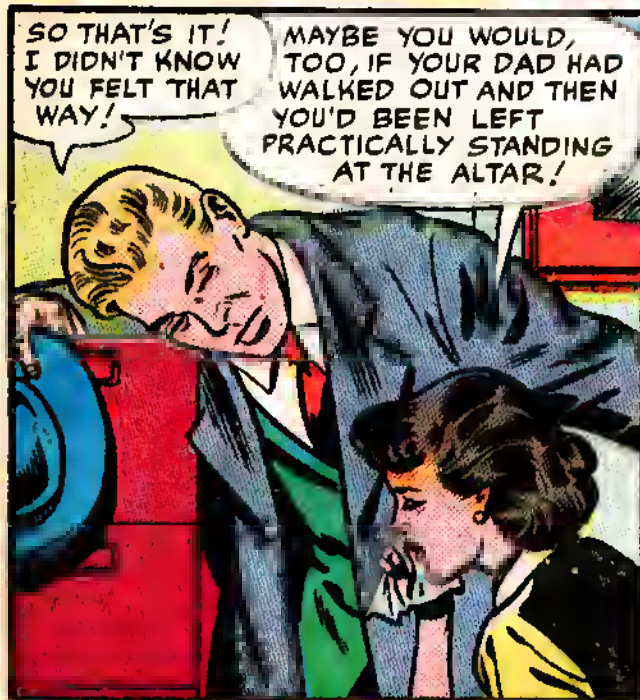
I CAME BACK TO GET SOME... HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU'VE GOT A WILDCAT WORKING FOR YOU, RANDOLPH! I'LL TAKE MY BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!



HONEY, I'M SORRY! WHAT HAPPENED?

MEN ARE ALL ROTTEN TO THE CORE! I LOATHE THEM!



SO THAT'S IT! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU FELT THAT WAY!

MAYBE YOU WOULD, TOO, IF YOUR DAD HAD WALKED OUT AND THEN YOU'D BEEN LEFT PRACTICALLY STANDING AT THE ALTAR!

I BLURTED IT OUT BEFORE I KNEW WHAT I WAS SAYING! THEN I CAME OUT OF MY BLINDING FURY AND BEGAN TO FEEL LIKE A FOOL!



NOW YOU KNOW! I'M SORRY I WENT INTO SUCH A RAGE!

WHY APOLOGIZE? YOU WERE JUSTIFIED! IF I'D KNOWN THE GUY WAS A WOLF, I'D NEVER HAVE LEFT YOU HERE ALONE!



I'LL SKIP THE WAREHOUSE! WANT TO TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF?

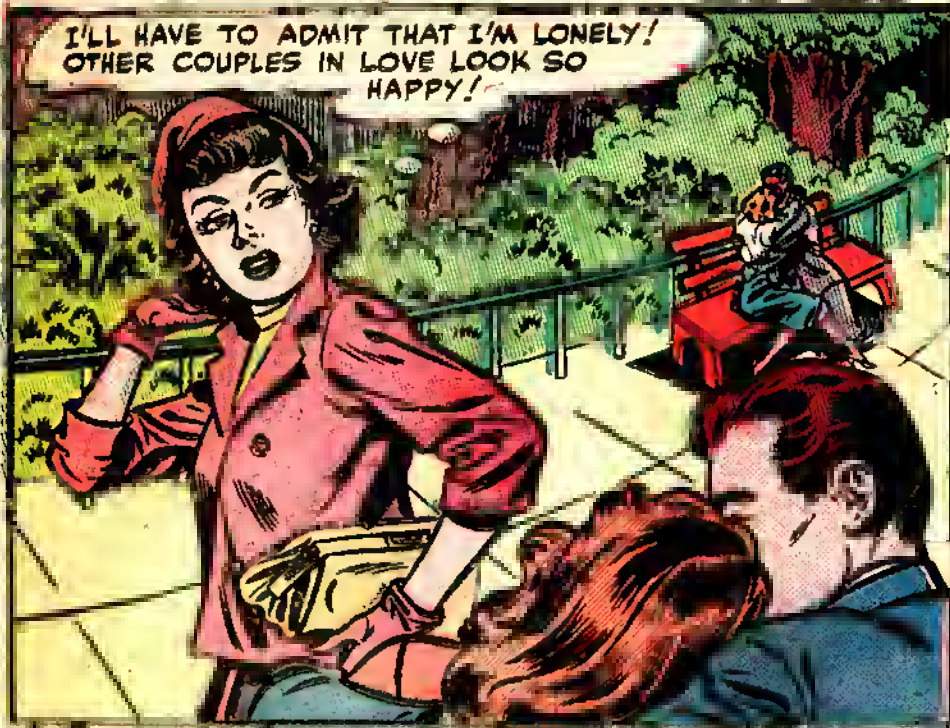
NO, THANKS! I'D RATHER GET BACK TO WORK!



WEEKS PASSED AND WE STUCK STRICTLY TO BUSINESS! THERE WERE NO MORE DINNERS WITH DOUG! EVEN WHEN WE WORKED LATE, HE LEFT ME TO GO MY WAY ALONE!

THANKS FOR STAYING ON! HERE'S MONEY FOR YOUR DINNER AND A CAB!

THAT'S NOT NECESSARY! I'D RATHER WALK AND I'LL GET A SNACK AT HOME!



Beneath my cynicism and hard shell there was a hollow spot that hurt! But it was far less painful than the heart-break I had known! But I often found myself wishing that Doug wouldn't be so stand-offish! Then one day...



LINDA, I'D LIKE TO ASK A BIG FAVOR OF YOU BUT YOU'RE FREE TO TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!

WHAT IS IT, DOUG?



I HAVE TO DRIVE UP TO THE COUNTRY TOMORROW FOR MOM AND DAD'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER! I'LL BE THERE OVER THE WEEKEND AND THERE'S LOTS OF WORK TO DO! WOULD YOU CONSIDER GOING ALONG? AND WORKING THERE, YOU MEAN?



THAT'S WHAT I HAD IN MIND! MY MOTHER WILL BE THERE

OF COURSE! I'LL BE GLAD TO GO!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WELCOME I EXPECTED AT DOUG'S HOME BUT CERTAINLY NOT WHAT I RECEIVED! YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT I WAS PART OF THE FAMILY!

LINDA, DEAR, DOUG'S TOLD US SO MUCH ABOUT YOU! AND YOU'RE AS LOVELY AS HE SAID!

AND HE SAYS YOU'RE A WHIZ AT LOOKING AFTER OUR BUSINESS!



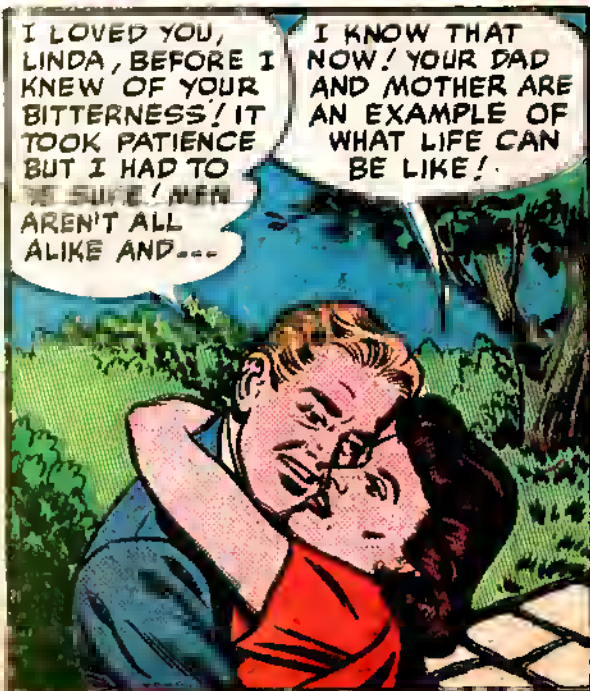
I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM!

NO WORK TODAY! WE'LL GET AT THAT TOMORROW!

The WARMTH AND LOVE IN THEIR HOME WAS SOMETHING I HAD NEVER KNOWN! IT MADE ME WANT TO CRY! AND AFTER THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER, I DID!

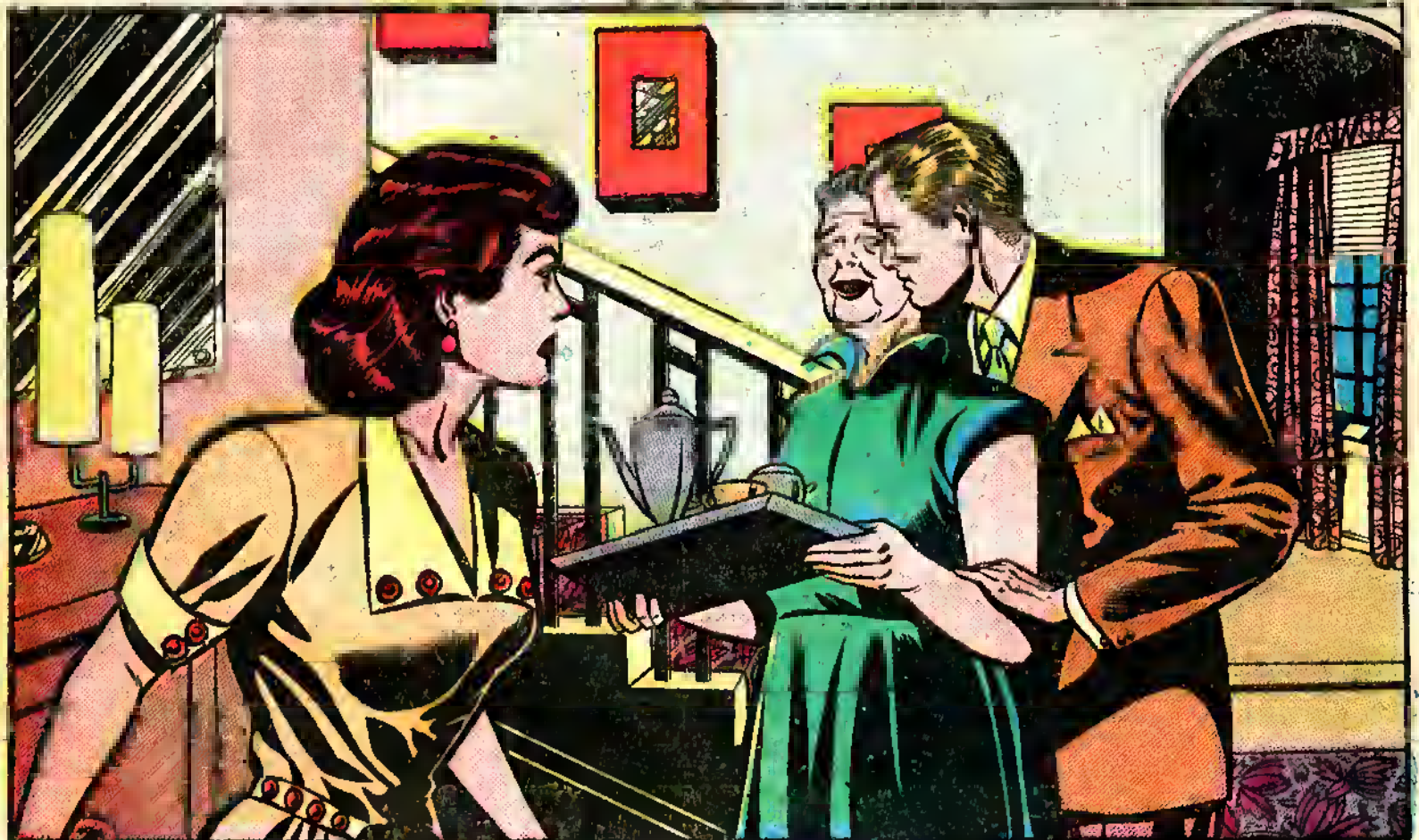


DOUG'S KISS WAS FIRM BUT TENDER, TOO! HIS ARMS WERE STRONG AND SECURE AND I SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT I'D WANTED THEM AROUND ME FOR A LONG TIME! THERE WAS NO LONGER ROOM FOR HATRED IN MY HEART!



HOW MUCH CAN A GIRL SHARE THE ATTENTION AND AFFECTION OF THE MAN SHE LOVES? EVEN WHEN IT WAS HIS MOTHER, I WAS JEALOUS OF THE ATTENTION HE GAVE HER! OR WAS I JUSTIFIED IN BELIEVING THAT I NEVER COULD BE HAPPY, MARRIED TO A MAN WHO I CONSIDERED TO BE A...

Mother's Boy



I HAD NEVER BELIEVED IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT UNTIL THE NIGHT I MET LARRY BLAKE! WE WERE AT A PARTY AND...

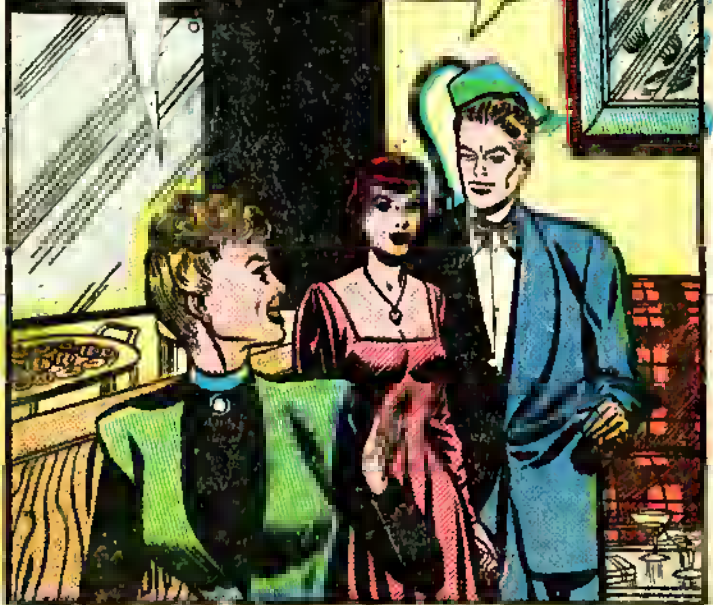
THIS IS CYNTHIA SLOANE, THE GIRL I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT, LARRY!

AND ALL THE TIME I THOUGHT YOU WERE EXAGGERATING!



NOW I CAN SEE THAT YOU AGREE WITH ME!

NOT EXACTLY! SHE'S EVEN LOVELIER THAN YOU SAID!



PLEASE! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!

I'M SORRY! BUT I REALLY MEAN IT!



THEN, THANK YOU!

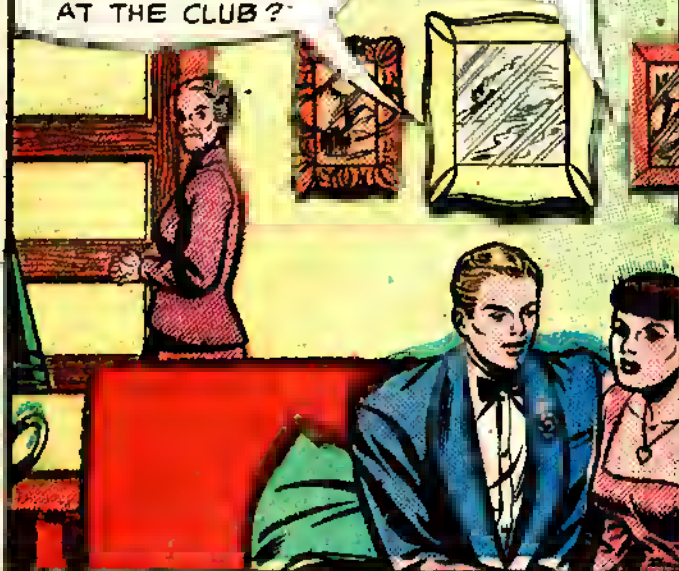
COME ALONG! I WANT MY MOTHER TO MEET YOU!



HIS MOTHER WAS A SWEET LITTLE LADY BUT I HAD EYES ONLY FOR LARRY! WE SPENT THE REST OF THE EVENING TOGETHER AND THE SUDDEN ATTRACTION SEEMED TO BE MUTUAL!

I MUST SEE YOU AGAIN SOON! HOW ABOUT TOMORROW NIGHT? DINNER AND DANCE AT THE CLUB?

I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT! SINCE IT'S **YOU!**



INCIDENTALLY, IT'S RATHER LATE AND I'D BETTER TAKE MOTHER HOME! CAN WE GIVE YOU A LIFT?

OF COURSE! I'LL GET MY WRAP!



AS WE DROVE HOME, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT LARRY! HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS A BABY! HE AND HIS MOTHER HAD LIVED ALONE AND WERE VERY CLOSE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP!

LARRY'S ALL I HAVE! BUT HE'S A WONDERFUL SON! ALWAYS SO CONSIDERATE!

I'M SURE HE IS, MRS. BLAKE!



PLEASE, MOTHER, QUIT SINGING MY PRAISES! NOW I'M THE ONE WHO'S EMBARRASSED!

WHY SHOULD YOU BE? IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH BEING NICE TO YOUR MOTHER?

WILL YOU COME TO DINNER SOME TIME SOON, DEAR?

MRS. BLAKE, I'D LOVE TO!



HEART THROBS



SEE YOU TOMORROW EVENING, THEN!

YES, LARRY! I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

I DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH THAT NIGHT, THINKING OF LARRY AND OUR DATE FOR THE NEXT EVENING! AND IT PROVED TO BE ALL THAT I ANTICIPATED! DANCING IN HIS ARMS WAS WONDERFUL!



CYNTHIA, I WISH WE HAD MET BEFORE! IT SEEMS AS IF WE'VE WASTED TIME!

THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL!



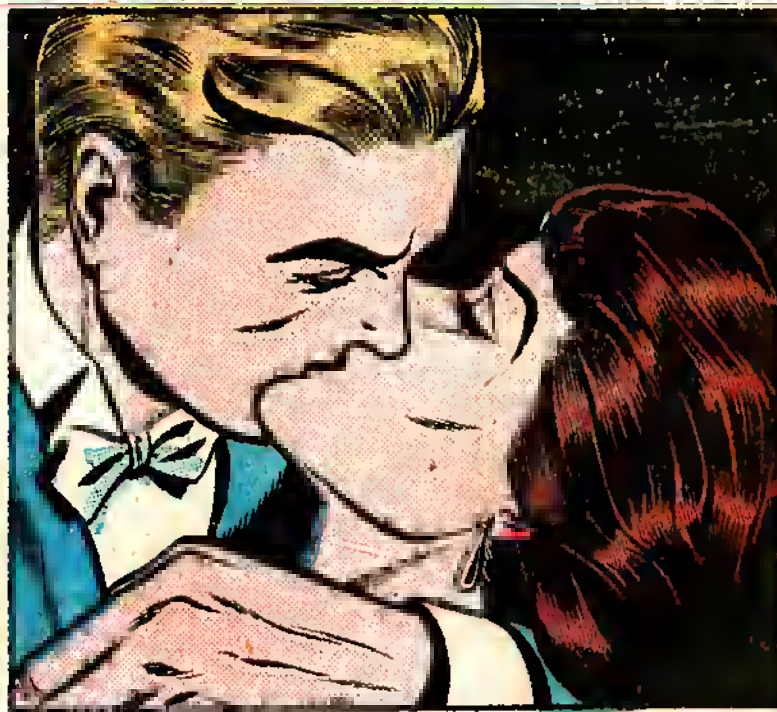
DO YOU, DARLING?

YES, I...WELL, I...



COULD WE HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE SO SOON?

IT'S POSSIBLE!



HIS KISS WAS FIRM BUT SWEET! FOR A MOMENT, I FELT AS IF I WERE FLOATING ON CLOUDS! BUT I CAME DOWN TO EARTH WITH A QUICK THUD!



OH, I ALMOST FORGOT! MOTHER WENT TO VISIT MY AUNT AND I PROMISED TO PICK HER UP AT ELEVEN!

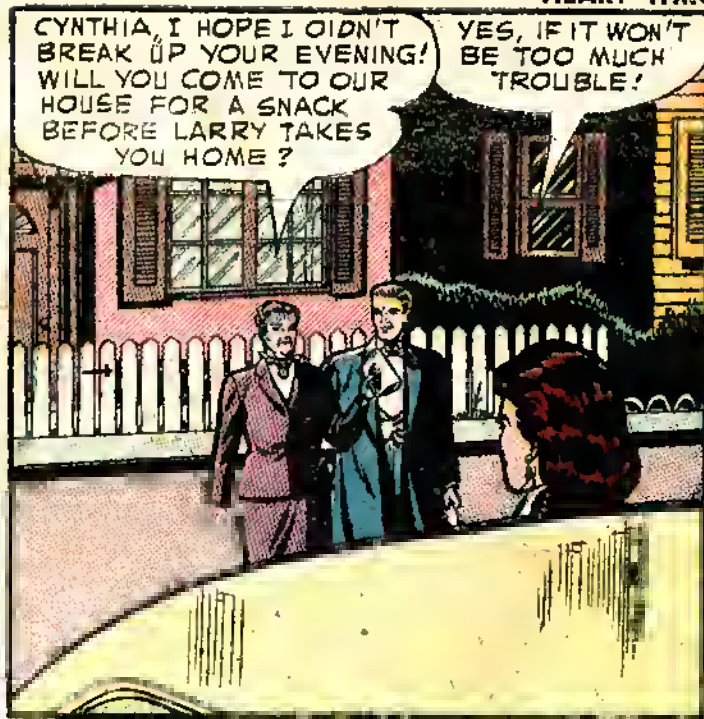
TH-THEN I GUESS WE'D BETTER GO!



I'M SORRY, HONEY! BUT I MUSTN'T KEEP HER WAITING!

NATURALLY NOT!

I'LL ADMIT THAT I FELT A LITTLE LET DOWN AT THE TIME! BUT I HAD NO REAL REASON AND WHEN WE PICKED UP MRS. BLAKE...



CYNTHIA, I HOPE I DIDN'T BREAK UP YOUR EVENING! WILL YOU COME TO OUR HOUSE FOR A SNACK BEFORE LARRY TAKES YOU HOME?

YES, IF IT WON'T BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE!



HERE YOU ARE, CHILDREN! I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY IT!

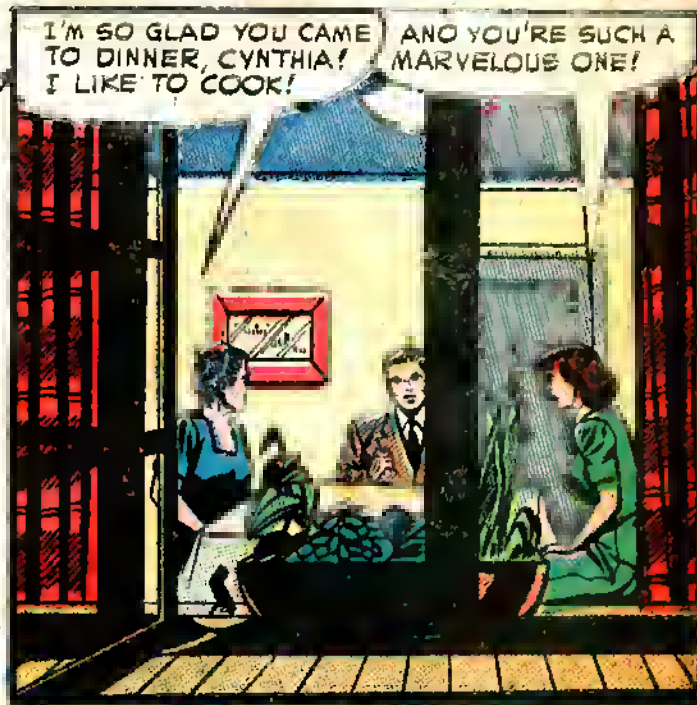
BUT AREN'T YOU GOING TO JOIN US?



NO, I NEVER EAT THIS LATE AT NIGHT! IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'D RATHER GO TO BED AND READ!

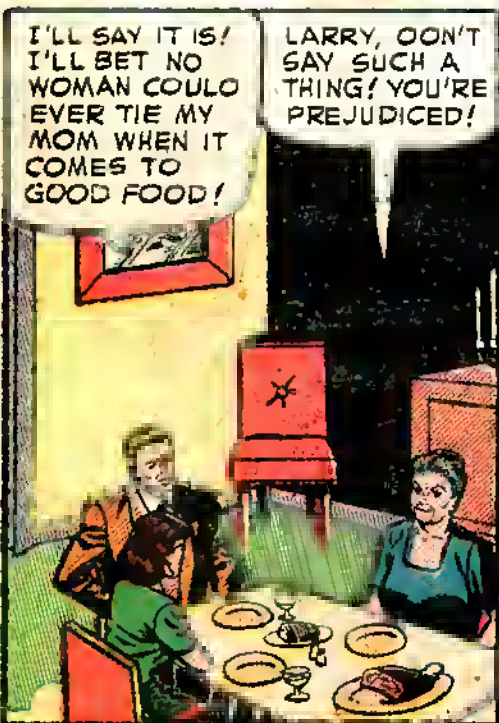
WHATEVER YOU WANT DEAR!

SUDDENLY I REMEMBERED SOMETHING I'D HEARD ONCE... THAT A MAN WHO IS GOOD TO HIS MOTHER IS ALWAYS GOOD TO HIS WIFE! WIFE? COULD I THINK OF MYSELF THAT WAY SO SOON? A FEW NIGHTS LATER...



I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME TO DINNER, CYNTHIA! I LIKE TO COOK!

AND YOU'RE SUCH A MARVELOUS ONE!



I'LL SAY IT IS! I'LL BET NO WOMAN COULD EVER TIE MY MOM WHEN IT COMES TO GOOD FOOD!

LARRY, DON'T SAY SUCH A THING! YOU'RE PREJUDICED!



I KNOW I COULDN'T COOK LIKE THIS! IT TAKES YEARS OF TRAINING!



BUT LARRY WOULDN'T BE HAPPY WITH ANYTHING ELSE! HE'S BEEN SPOILED BY HIS MOTHER!

GOSH, THIS FOOD'S TOP'S! MOM, YOU'RE TERRIFIC!



YES, MRS. BLAKE, IT'S DELICIOUS!

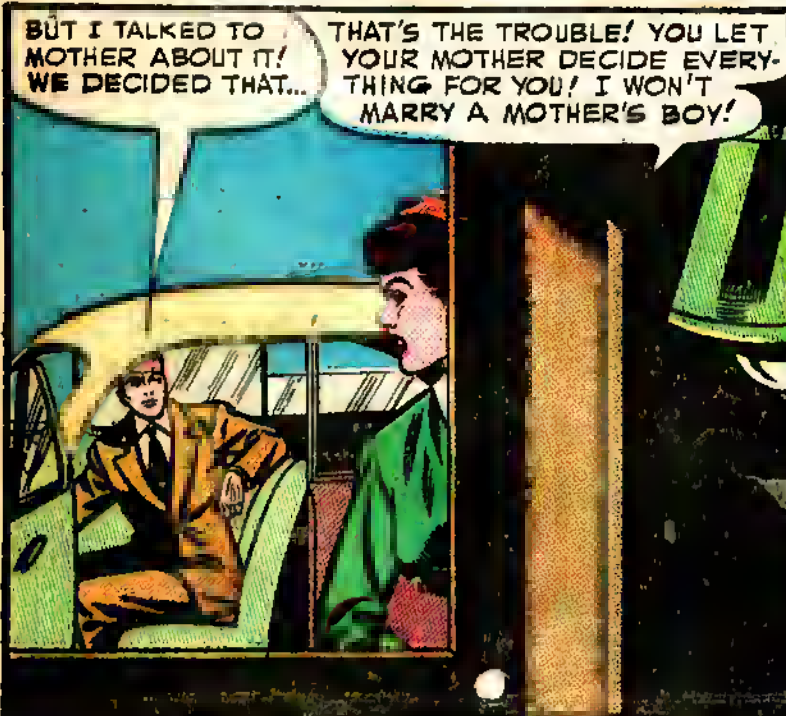
THANK YOU, DEAR! I GUESS COOKING IS MY ONLY CLAIM TO FAME!

WELL THAT'S THE WAY IT WENT FOR A LONG TIME! OUR DATES WERE MOSTLY AT HIS HOUSE! I FINALLY REALIZED THAT I COULDN'T FILL HIS MOTHER'S SHOES AND GIVE HIM THE SAME COMFORTS AND I WAS ALSO JEALOUS OF HIS FONDNESS FOR HER! ONE NIGHT...



CYNTHIA, I'VE NEVER LOVED ANOTHER GIRL! WILL YOU MARRY ME?

I WANT TO, LARRY, BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK! YOU HAVE YOUR MOTHER TO THINK OF AND TWO FAMILIES CAN'T LIVE UNDER ONE ROOF! IT WON'T WORK THAT WAY!



BUT I TALKED TO MOTHER ABOUT IT! WE DECIDED THAT...

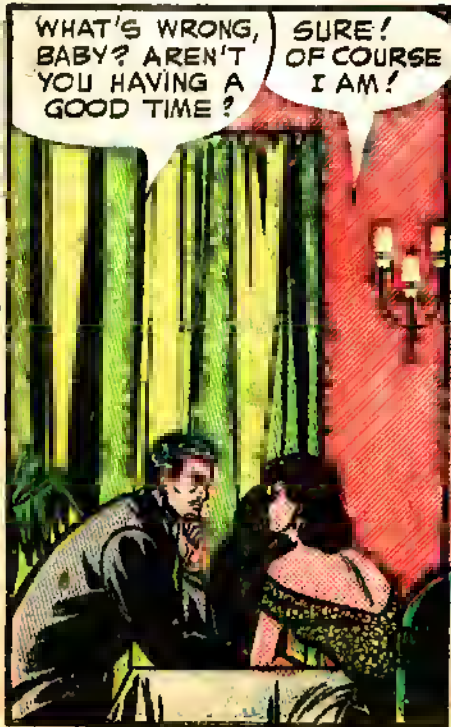
THAT'S THE TROUBLE! YOU LET YOUR MOTHER DECIDE EVERYTHING FOR YOU! I WON'T MARRY A MOTHER'S BOY!



WE'D BETTER NOT SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

WELL, CYNTHIA, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT...

I WAS MISERABLE AFTER THAT! I WANTED TO CALL LARRY OR TO SOMETHING TO SEE HIM! AGAIN, BUT I WAS TOO STUBBORN! I WENT OUT WITH OTHER MEN, BUT THEY FELL SHORT OF THE MARK!



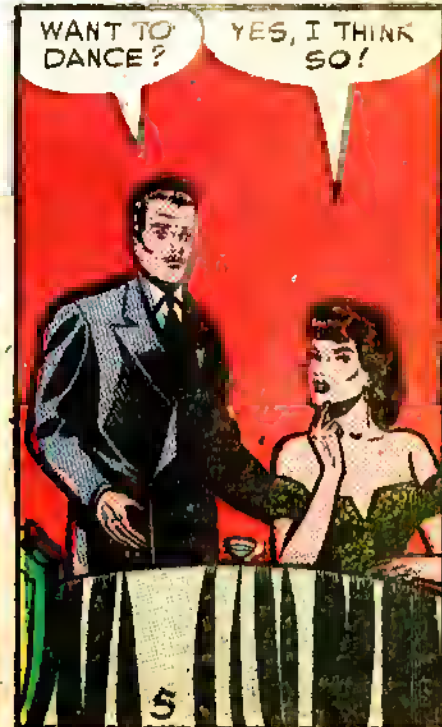
WHAT'S WRONG, BABY? AREN'T YOU HAVING A GOOD TIME?

SURE! OF COURSE I AM!



BUT YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOUR FOOD!

I'M NOT VERY HUNGRY!



WANT TO DANCE?

YES, I THINK SO!

HEART THROBS



LOOK, KID, YOU HAVE ALL THE SYMPTOMS OF BEING IN LOVE! SOMETHING WRONG?

SKIP IT! LET'S GO AND HAVE FUN!

IT WAS A BIG ACT AND I TRIED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT! BUT LARRY WAS ALWAYS FOREMOST IN MY MIND! THEN ONE DAY...



MRS. BLAKE! COME IN!

I WILL, DEAR! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



LARRY'S BEEN BROODING FOR WEEKS! WHAT'S WRONG BETWEEN YOU AND HIM?

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT...



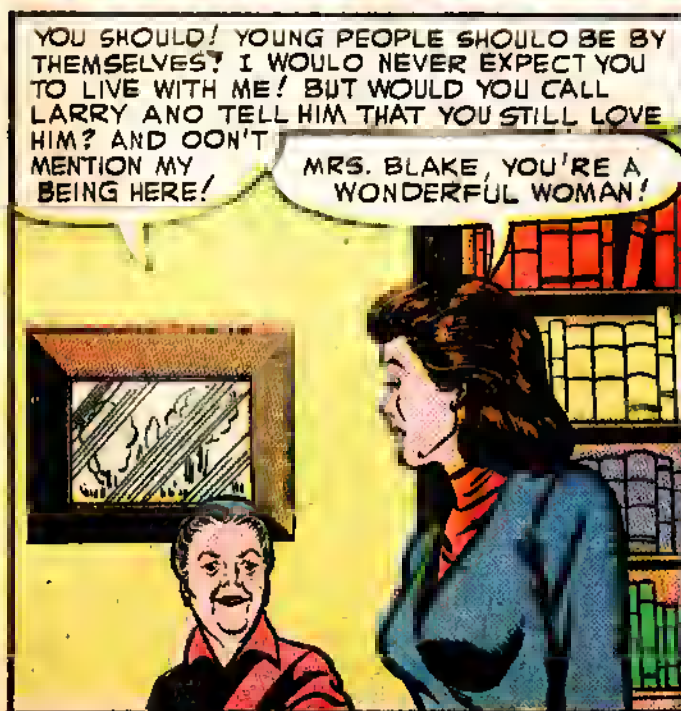
THAT YOU THINK HE'S A MOTHER'S BOY? HE TOLD ME! CYNTHIA, I LOVED YOU ALMOST AS SOON AS MY SON OTO! I ALWAYS WANTED A DAUGHTER! BUT, MOST OF ALL, I WANT LARRY TO BE HAPPY!

I'M SURE YOU DO! ONLY...



I LOVED MY MY HUSBAND SO I KNOW WHAT LOVE IS! ONLY WE HAD SO FEW YEARS TOGETHER!

I'M SORRY! I GUESS I WAS SELFISH AND WANTED LARRY ALL TO MYSELF!



YOU SHOULD! YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE BY THEMSELVES! I WOULD NEVER EXPECT YOU TO LIVE WITH ME! BUT WOULD YOU CALL LARRY AND TELL HIM THAT YOU STILL LOVE HIM? AND DON'T MENTION MY BEING HERE!

MRS. BLAKE, YOU'RE A WONDERFUL WOMAN!

I FELT ASHAMED THEN BUT I'VE TRIED TO MAKE UP FOR IT SINCE! LARRY AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR THREE YEARS! AND WHO IS IT THAT WE DEPEND ON TO HELP COOK DINNER FOR OUR GUESTS? AND WHO IS OUR BABY SITTER?



MOTHER BLAKE, WE MAY BE LATE!

TAKE YOUR TIME! WHEN YOU GET MY AGE, YOU'LL FIND THAT GRANDCHILDREN ARE A GREAT PLEASURE! BETTER EVEN THAN YOUR OWN!

I HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP TO BELIEVE THAT IT PAID TO BE A NICE GIRL! I KNOW NOW THAT I WAS RIGHT! BUT I HAD BEGUN TO HAVE MY DOUBTS WHEN I FINALLY MADE THE NEW FRIENDS THAT I NEEDED SO DESPERATELY, ONLY TO FIND THAT

They called me a **POOR SPORT!**



I KNOW I'M NOT THE FIRST GIRL WHO HAS FACED THIS STRUGGLE WITH HER CONSCIENCE! YOU SEE, LIFE HAD BEEN SO PERFECTLY SWELL IN THE SMALL SEABOARD TOWN WHERE I HAD ALWAYS LIVED! I HAD LOTS OF FRIENDS AND PLENTY OF GOOD CLEAN FUN!

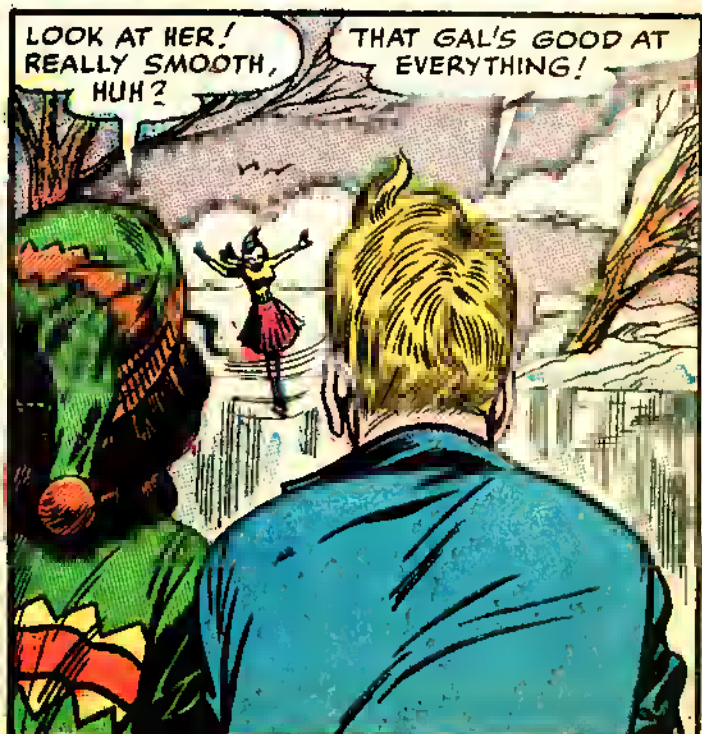
READY,
GAIL?

ALL SET!
LET'S GO!



LOOK AT HER!
REALLY SMOOTH,
HUH?

THAT GAL'S GOOD AT
EVERYTHING!

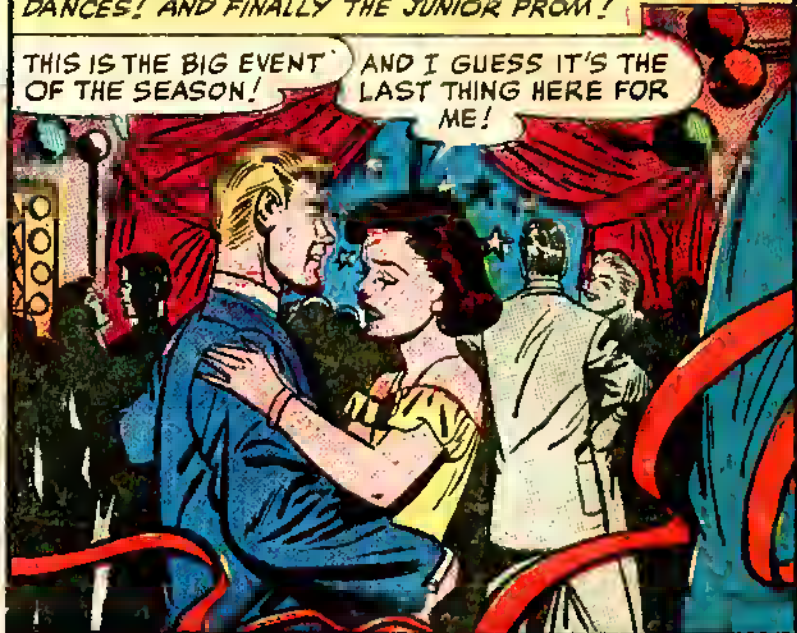


THERE WAS SKATING AND SKIING AND SLEDDING IN WINTER! SWIMMING AND SAILING IN SUMMER!

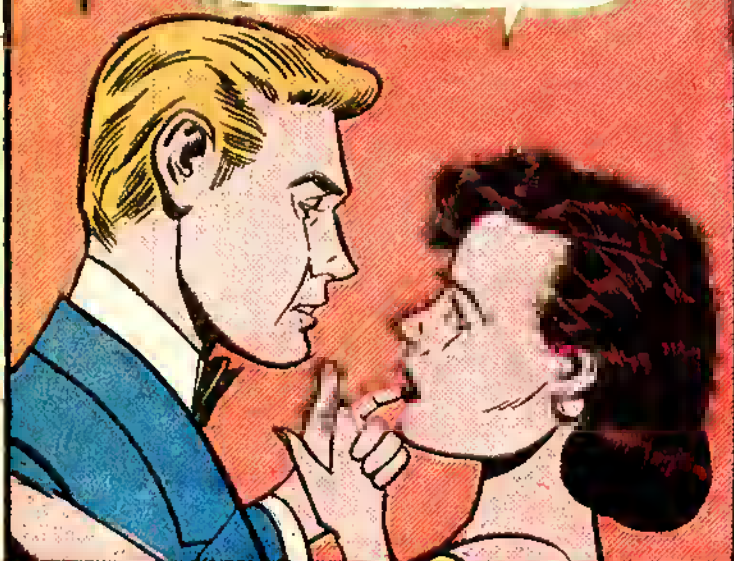


AND ALWAYS HIKES AND PARTIES AND PICNICS AND DANCES! AND FINALLY THE JUNIOR PROM!

THIS IS THE BIG EVENT OF THE SEASON! AND I GUESS IT'S THE LAST THING HERE FOR ME!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DAD'S BEEN GIVEN A PROMOTION AND WE'RE MOVING TO BEACON CITY! I HATE TO LEAVE BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!



I'M GLAD I DIDN'T REALIZE THEN HOW BRUTALLY CRUEL THE MOVE WOULD BE FOR ME! LONG DAYS OF DESPAIR LAY AHEAD! IT'S NOT EASY TO START OVER AND MAKE ALL NEW FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY AT SEVENTEEN!

ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE SWARMING AROUND ME AND I DON'T KNOW A SOUL!



PLENTY MY OWN AGE, TOO! BUT I CAN'T WALK UP AND SAY, "I'M GAIL BARCLAY! LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A BEACH PARTY!"



I'D LIKE TO BE BACK HOME WITH THE KIDS I KNOW! WE COULD ALWAYS FIGURE OUT SOMETHING EXCITING TO DO!



I'M SO LONESOME I COULD DIE!



HEART THROBS

IF SCHOOL WERE STARTED, I COULD GET ACQUAINTED! BUT THE SUMMER'S JUST BEGUN!



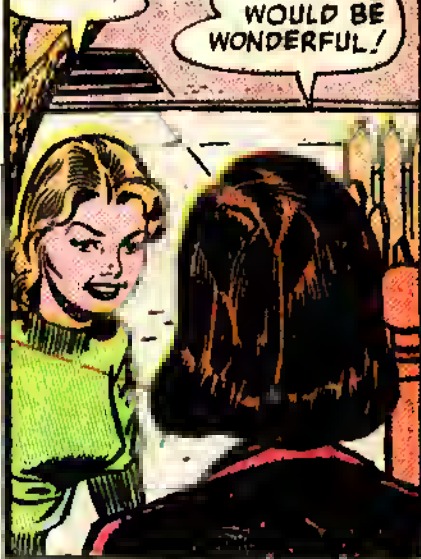
IF YOU'VE EVER SUFFERED FROM A SEVERE CASE OF HOME-SICKNESS, YOU KNOW THERE'S NO PAIN WORSE IN THE WORLD! YOUR HEART SEEMS TO BE TIED IN KNOTS WHILE THE REST OF YOU IS A VACUUM! THAT'S WHAT I WENT THROUGH UNTIL I FINALLY MET VICKY GORDON!

I LIVE RIGHT UP THE STREET! I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND! WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET MY CROWD?



OH, YES, VICKY! I'D LOVE TO!

GOOD! WE'RE THROWING A PARTY TONIGHT! I'LL GET A DATE FOR YOU AND WE'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!



THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

I COULD SEE HAPPINESS AGAIN ON THE HORIZON! VICKY AND THE TWO BOYS PICKED ME UP AND WE DROVE SEVERAL MILES INTO THE COUNTRY TO SOMEBODY'S SUMMER CAMP! I THOUGHT NOTHING OF THAT!



HI, YOU GUYS! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!

YOU MEAN THINGS ARE UNDERWAY?

ARE YOU KIDDIN'? THE JOINT'S JUMPIN'!



OKAY! WE'LL CATCH UP IN A HURRY!

THE JOINT WAS JUMPING, ALL RIGHT! WHEN I WALKED IN, I FELT A SICKLY SINKING INSIDE ME!

I'M THE BARTENDER! WHAT'LL IT BE?

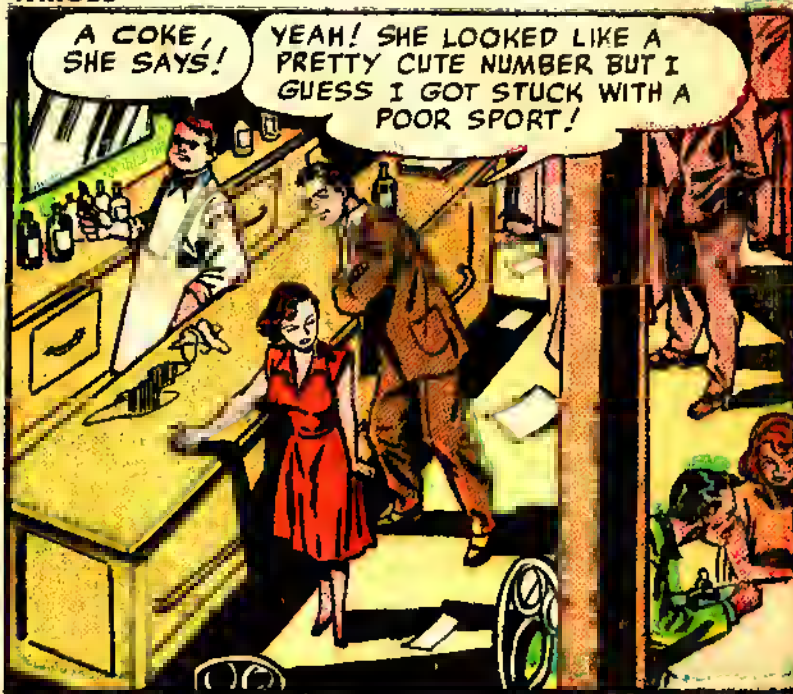
THE USUAL FOR ME! MAKE IT TWO!



CIGARETTE?

N-NO, THANKS! I DON'T SMOKE!





A POOR SPORT? ME? THE GIRL WHO COULD SKATE AND SKI AND SWIM BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE AT HOME? I SUFFERED THROUGH THE EVENING BUT AFTER THAT I WAS MORE MISERABLE THAN EVER! A FEW DAYS LATER, VICKY STOPPED BY!



LOOK, HONEY, YOU'D BETTER GET HEP! GUYS DON'T WANT OLD-FASHIONED GALS THESE DAYS! THEY WANT SOMEBODY WHO'S SOPHISTICATED!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OVERBOARD! JUST LET THE GANG KNOW YOU DON'T DISAPPROVE! THEY HATE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRUDES!

I'M NOT A PRUDE! I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYBODY ELSE DOES! IT'S JUST THAT, WELL...



I WASN'T INTRODUCED! THERE WASN'T TIME! I JUST STOOD THERE STARING AT THE BIGGEST, BRAVNIEST, BEST LOOKING GUY I'D EVER SEEN!





WHO... WHO IS HE?
THE TOWN HERO! GRADUATED FROM BEACON CITY HIGH AND WENT AWAY TO COLLEGE TO BECOME AN ALL-STAR FOOTBALL PLAYER!



I LIKE HIS TYPE!
WHO DOESN'T? ME INCLUDED!



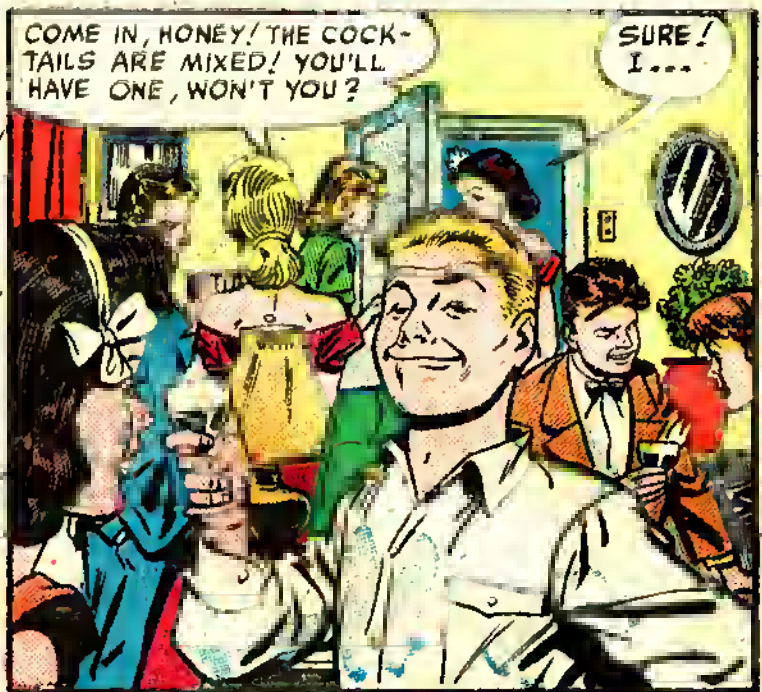
KNOW WHAT? I THINK I'LL THROW A BIG WHING-DING FOR HIM AT MY HOUSE! WANT TO COME?
I COULDN'T, VICKY! I WOULDN'T BE WELCOME WITH THE ONES I MET BEFORE!



OH, DON'T BE THAT WAY! WE'LL MAKE IT FOR SATURDAY NIGHT! LEAVE YOUR PURITANICAL ANCESTORS AND THE GRAY BONNETS AT HOME! COME OUT AND GO ALONG WITH THE GANG!

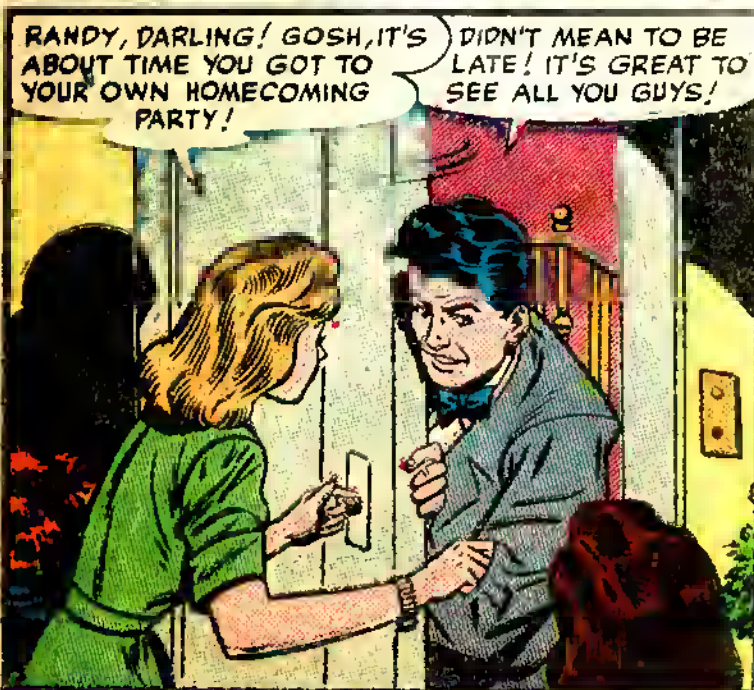
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, VICKY! I THINK I WILL!

I DECIDED TO TRY AGAIN OUT OF SHEER DESPERATION! YOU CAN'T SIT AT HOME AND READ A BOOK EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT! AND THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THAT SPURRED ME ON, TOO... AND THAT WAS THE GLIMPSE I HAD OF RANDY STEVENS! I WENT TO VICKY'S PARTY!



COME IN, HONEY! THE COCKTAILS ARE MIXED! YOU'LL HAVE ONE, WON'T YOU?

SURE! I...



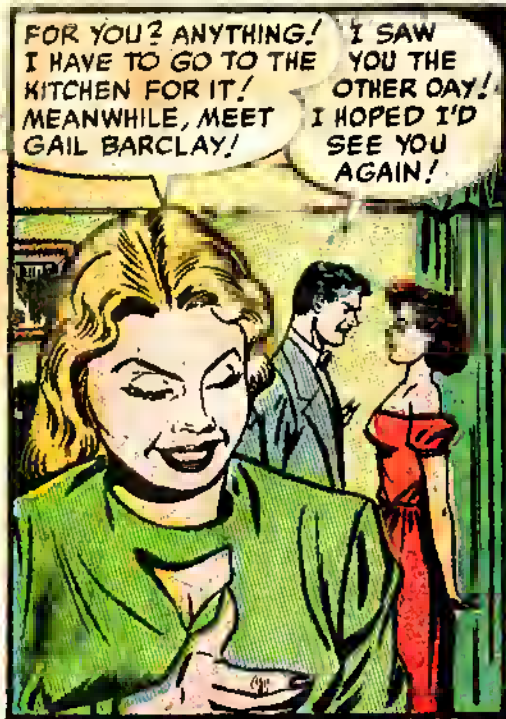
RANDY, DARLING! GOSH, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT TO YOUR OWN HOMECOMING PARTY!

DIDN'T MEAN TO BE LATE! IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL YOU GUYS!



LET ME FIX YOU A DRINK?

NOT ME! YOU SEE FOOTBALL PLAYERS FOLLOW STRICT REGULATIONS, HONEY! WE TAKE GINGER ALE! HAVE ANY?

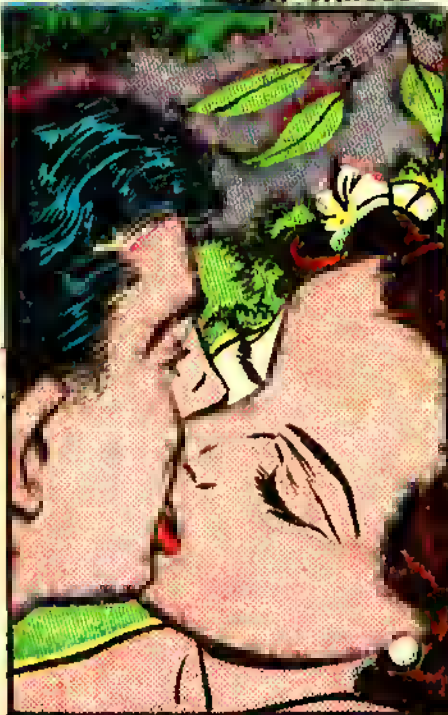
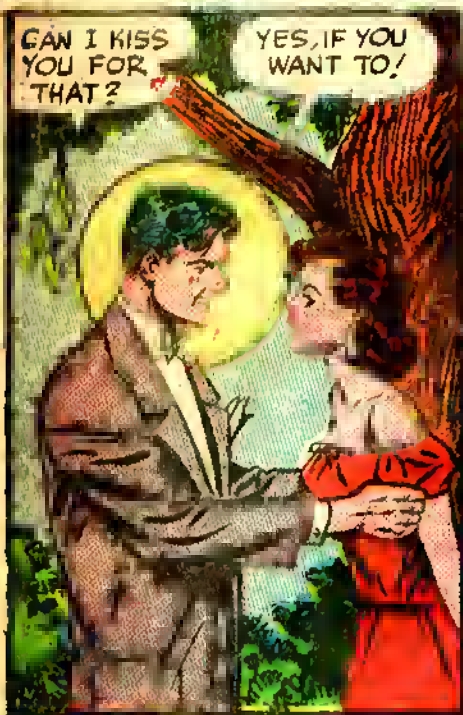


For THE FIRST TIME SINCE I HAD LEFT MY HOME TOWN, I WAS HAPPY! RANDY'S ARMS AROUND ME WERE LIKE A REFUGE! AND I GOT A LOT OF SATISFACTION OUT OF OVER-HEARING A CON-VERSATION!



RANDY WAS A LOT LIKE THE KIDS I'D KNOWN AT HOME, ONLY BETTER! BETTER BECAUSE I WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM AND THAT HADN'T EVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE!

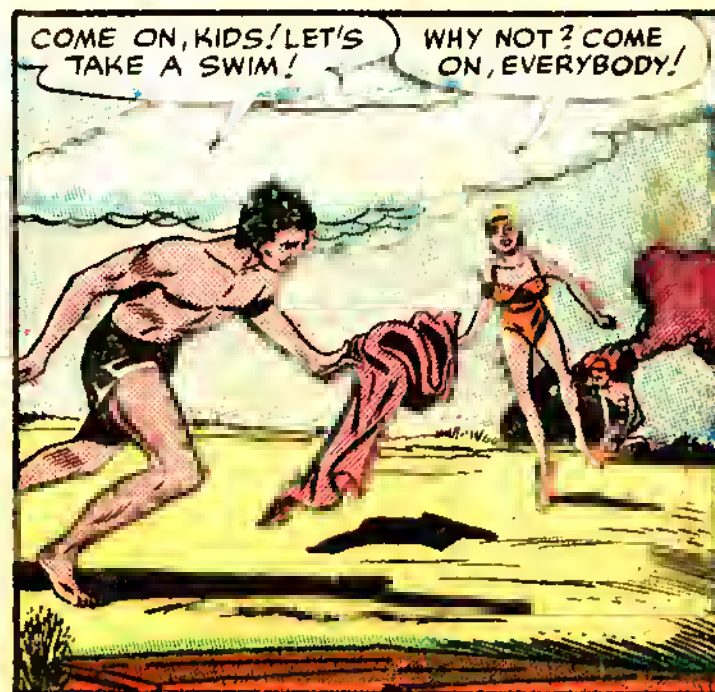




I HAD KISSED BOYS GOODNIGHT BUT I HAD NEVER KNOWN ONE LIKE THAT! RANDY'S KISS HAD A WAY OF MAKING ME FEEL THAT I WAS THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE WORLD! WOMAN? YES, BECAUSE I HAD SUDDENLY GROWN UP!



I KNEW HE WOULD! I PLANNED A PICNIC AND A SWIMMING PARTY AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE LIKE OLD TIMES! EVERYBODY HAD FUN!

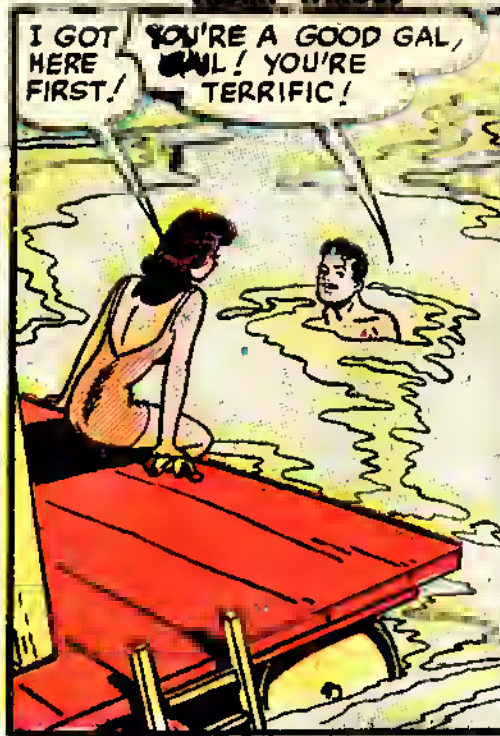


HEART THROBS



HEY, YOU'RE SLOW!

GUESS SO! I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU!



I GOT HERE FIRST!

YOU'RE A GOOD GAL, GAIL! YOU'RE TERRIFIC!



BUT I HEARD YOU SAY ONCE THAT I WAS A POOR SPORT!

I DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD SENSE OF VALUES, DID I? YOU SEE, WE GOT THE IDEA THAT WE HAD TO BE SMART! I LIKE THIS A LOT BETTER!

I WON'T TAKE THE CREDIT MYSELF! I GIVE IT ALL TO RANDY! HE WAS A HERO IN BEACON CITY! AND WHEN THE SENIOR PROM CAME AROUND...



I LIKE DANCING WITH YOU, GAIL! ONLY I'M SORRY RANDY DIDN'T GET HERE!

MAYBE HE WILL YET!



RANDY!

SORRY, HONEY, THAT I HAD TO BE LATE!

For RANDY TO GET AWAY FROM COLLEGE AND BE AT THE SENIOR PROM WAS THE REASSURANCE THAT I NEEDED! I KNEW THEN THAT THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANOTHER PERSON IN MY LIFE QUITE SO PRECIOUS AND WONDERFUL!



IF YOU ASK ME, THOSE TWO ARE IN LOVE!

I KNOW IT! I WANTED RANDY ONCE, MYSELF! BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HE COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A NICER GAL!



HONEY, WILL YOU WEAR MY PIN? IT'LL BE TWO YEARS BEFORE I'M OUT OF COLLEGE! BUT I LOVE YOU!

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! YES, RANDY, DARLING, I CAN WAIT!

Advice on Love Problems

By MARILYN MINTON

Dear Marilyn Minton:

I have read your advice to others and now I wish you would help me with my problem. I am fifteen years old and in high school. The other girls my age have dates and talk about them all the time. But my parents think I'm too young and will not let me go out. When boys ask me, I make excuses. They seem to like me but they probably won't if I keep turning them down. What shall I do?

G.B.
Toledo, Ohio

Dear G. B.:

Several letters have come to me recently which were similar to yours so I am answering all at this one time. First of all, you must respect your parents' wishes and realize that they are older and wiser than you. However, my opinion is that you should be allowed to have dates under the proper circumstances. Why not try to make a compromise with your mother and dad? Instead of going out with the boy, invite him first to your house. Parents seldom object when they are included. Once they know the boys, they may feel altogether different about your going out. It is normal for parents to try to cling to their children but, if included, they will probably give in and enjoy being a part of it.

Marilyn Minton



Dear Marilyn Minton:

I have been reading your column but my trouble is a little different from most. Mine has to do with clothes. I am in high school and popular with the boys but my parents are very poor and there isn't enough money to go around. I am invited to lots of parties and other girls have new dresses but I always wear the same one. It gets embarrassing. I want to quit school and go to work to get nice clothes but my mother and father object. I think it's important to look nice because I'd rather have a good boy friend and get married than anything else. What do you think I should do?

Marian L.
Oakland, California

Dear Marian L.:

By all means, you must not quit school. What does it matter if you wear the same dress to parties? The boys are still asking you out, aren't they? Your popularity is not going to be judged by the clothes you wear but by your own personality. If you are neat and have pride in yourself, you have nothing to worry about. Just remember that the man you will eventually marry

is more interested in the girl than the fine clothes she wears. Don't be self-conscious. Be self-assured. When you're out of school and get a job, you can buy new clothes and make a startling appearance if you want to. But from your letter, I doubt if that will be necessary.

Marilyn Minton



Dear Marilyn Minton:

I am engaged to be married but I am worried and I want your advice. The man I am planning to marry is sweet and kind but sometimes he infuriates me when he gets around other girls. He fusses over them so much that I get jealous. They all go for him so I sit back and take it but I don't like it. When we're out, I want all the affection for myself. I want people to know how much he loves me. He tells me in private but sort of ignores me when we're with a crowd. Then it usually ends in a quarrel. Do you think I'm wrong or is he?

Alice D.
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Alice D.:

From your letter, I can't be very sure who is wrong. But I can tell you this: either have faith in the man you plan to marry or don't marry him. It sounds to me as if he's the sweet type of person who is nice to everybody. If so, you must accept him that way and be glad you were fortunate enough to find him. But if you are going to be jealous all your life, you'd better skip it. Every woman who loves a man is jealous if there is a reason. But to make a point of your jealousy is very bad. So my advice to you is this — if you love him, marry him and don't quarrel. He wouldn't ask you to marry him if he didn't love you. And it sounds to me as if your boy friend is a good salesman. What's wrong with that? He sold you, didn't he?

Marilyn Minton

IF YOU ARE TROUBLED BY A LOVE PROBLEM, WRITE TO MARILYN MINTON, NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COUNSELOR, 347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

We will print as many of these letters as space permits. Because of the time involved, Marilyn Minton is unable to make any personal replies.

IF YOU'VE EVER WORKED EIGHT HOURS A DAY AT A DRILL PRESS IN A GRIMY SHOP, YOU KNOW THAT MY LIFE WAS ANYTHING BUT GLAMOROUS! BUT THERE WAS THE PROSPECT OF MY WEDDING TO JOHNNY CRAFT TO KEEP ME GOING AND I WAS THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD UNTIL I RAN INTO A---

BLONDE HEARTBREAKER

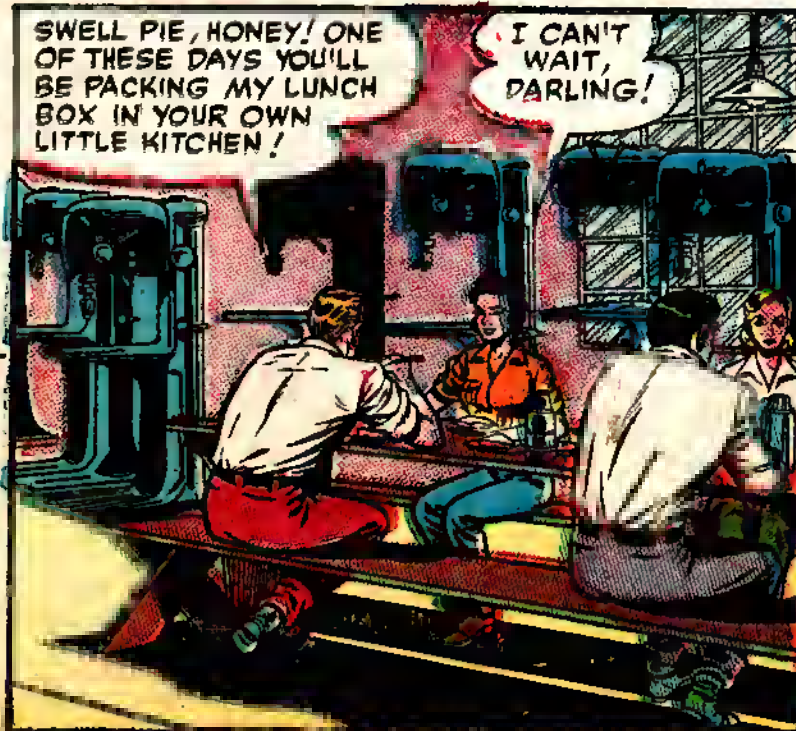


SWEET PIE, HONEY! ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL BE PACKING MY LUNCH BOX IN YOUR OWN LITTLE KITCHEN!

I CAN'T WAIT, DARLING!

BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT, JOHNNY! MY MOM AND THE KIDS DEPEND ON MY PAYCHECKS!

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU FOREVER, LEILA! BUT I WON'T LIKE IT!



I REMEMBER HOW WONDERFUL IT WAS! JOHNNY WORKED IN THE NEXT DEPARTMENT AND WE'D MEET EVERY DAY AT LUNCHTIME!

It WAS ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO BE WITH JOHNNY, UNTIL HE BROUGHT UP THE USUAL PAINFUL SUBJECT!

I HOPE ALL OUR EVENINGS END THIS WAY, JOHNNY! LOOKING UP AT THE MOON... HOLDING HANDS!

AND I WANT THEM TO BE SOFT, WHITE HANDS, HONEY!

NOW YOU SOUND LIKE A HAND LOTION, COMMERCIAL!

I MEAN IT, LEILA! RUNNING A GREASY MACHINE IS NO JOB FOR A WOMAN!

I WANT YOU PRETTY AND FEMININE, WEARING RUFFLED APRONS INSTEAD OF GRIMY OVER-ALLS!

BUT, DARLING, WE'VE GONE OVER ALL THAT!

AS SOON AS MY BROTHERS FINISH SCHOOL AND CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND MOM, I'LL QUIT WORKING! IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO THEM IF I MARRIED YOU NOW!

WHAT ABOUT BEING FAIR TO ME, LEILA?

I KNOW I SAID I'D WAIT FOR YOU FOREVER, BUT... FOREVER IS A LONG TIME!

BE PATIENT WITH ME, JOHNNY! PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND!

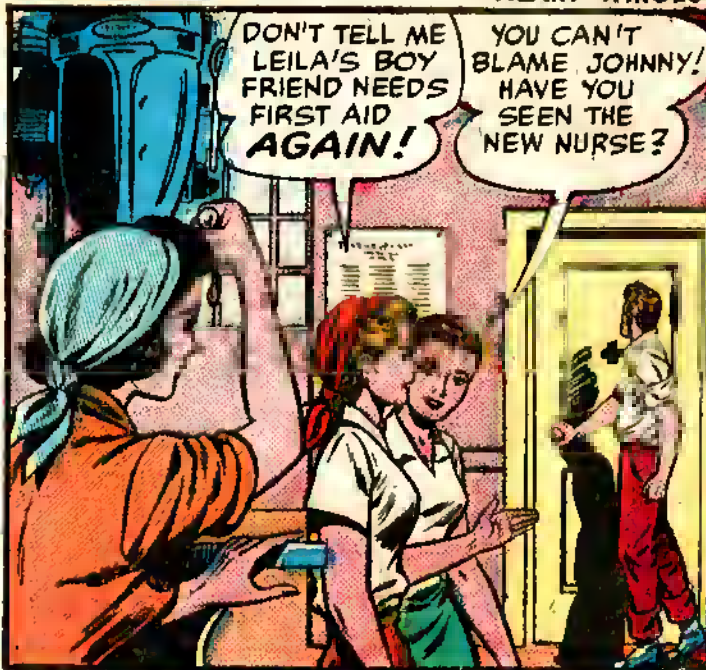
IT'S HARD TO BE PATIENT, DARLING, WHEN I LOVE YOU SO DESPERATELY!

I KNOW, JOHNNY... I KNOW!

AND ALWAYS, IN THE SUBLIME ECSTASY WE FOUND ON EACH OTHER'S LIPS, OUR DIFFERENCES DISSOLVED INTO NOTHING! NOTHING MATTERED BUT OUR LOVE!



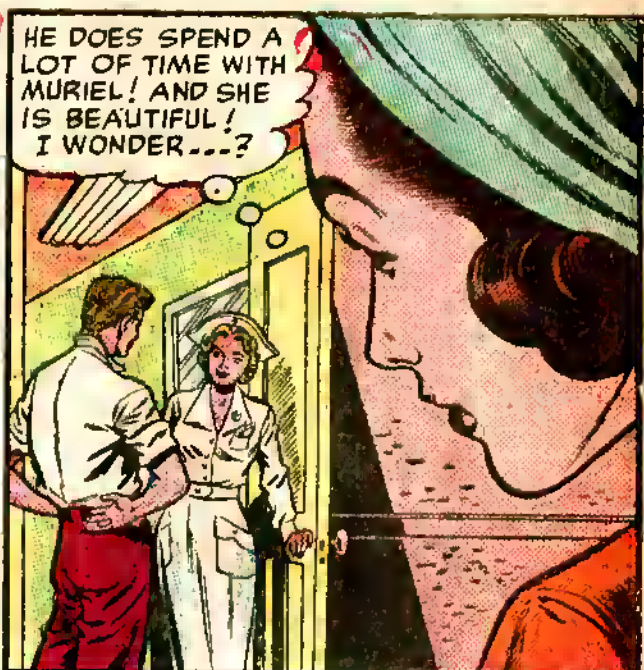
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE I LOVED AND TRUSTED JOHNNY SO COMPLETELY THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE THE CHANGE IN HIM WHEN MURIEL DAVIES CAME TO WORK AT THE PLANT!



DON'T TELL ME LEILA'S BOY FRIEND NEEDS FIRST AID AGAIN!

YOU CAN'T BLAME JOHNNY! HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW NURSE?

HE DOES SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH MURIEL! AND SHE IS BEAUTIFUL! I WONDER...?

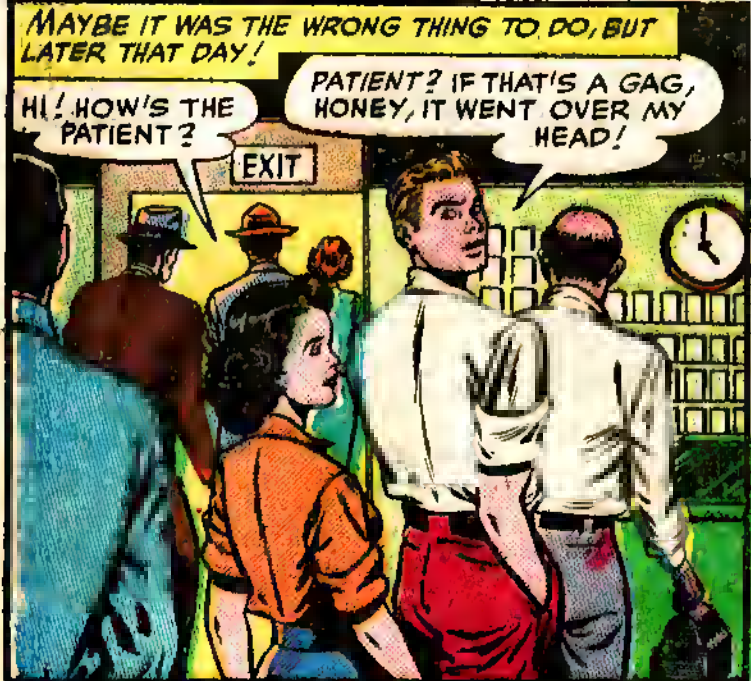


MAYBE IT WAS THE WRONG THING TO DO, BUT LATER THAT DAY!

HI! HOW'S THE PATIENT?

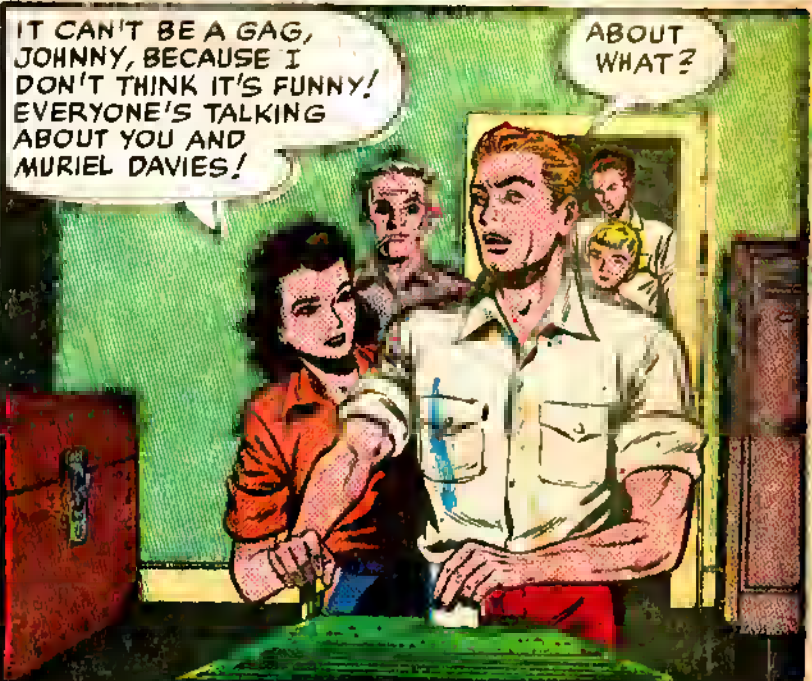
EXIT

PATIENT? IF THAT'S A GAG, HONEY, IT WENT OVER MY HEAD!



IT CAN'T BE A GAG, JOHNNY, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY! EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT YOU AND MURIEL DAVIES!

ABOUT WHAT?



YOU AND THAT POOR MAN'S FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE! YOU... DO SEEM TO ENJOY ONE ANOTHER'S COMPANY!

WELL, NOW THAT'S GREAT!



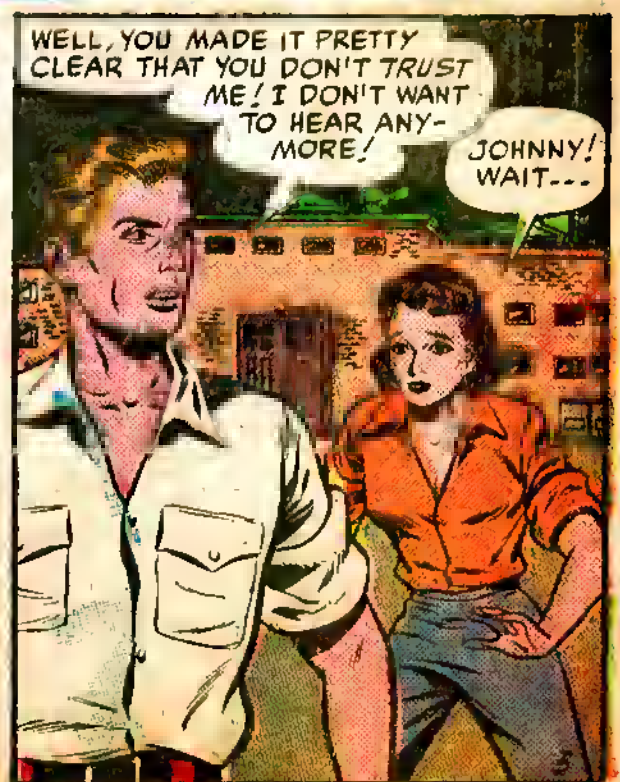
A COUPLE OF SHOP BUSYBODIES START UP SOME GOSSIP AND YOU ACCUSE ME OF...

I DIDN'T ACCUSE YOU, JOHNNY!

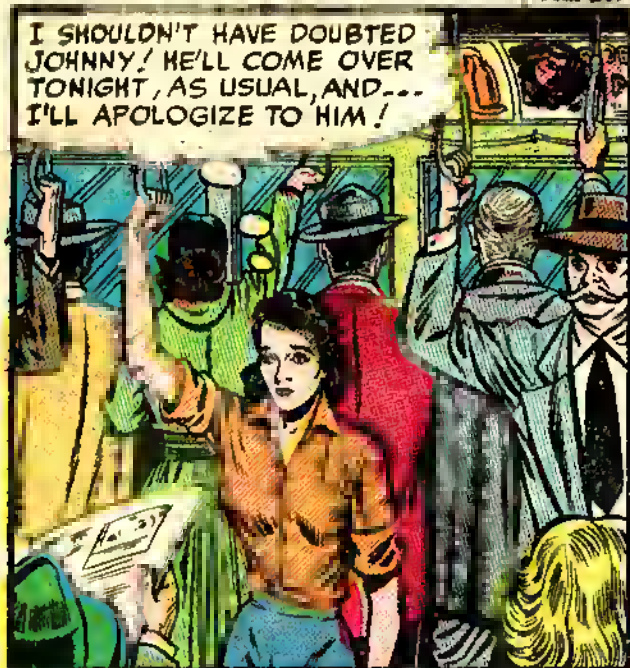


WELL, YOU MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY-MORE!

JOHNNY! WAIT...



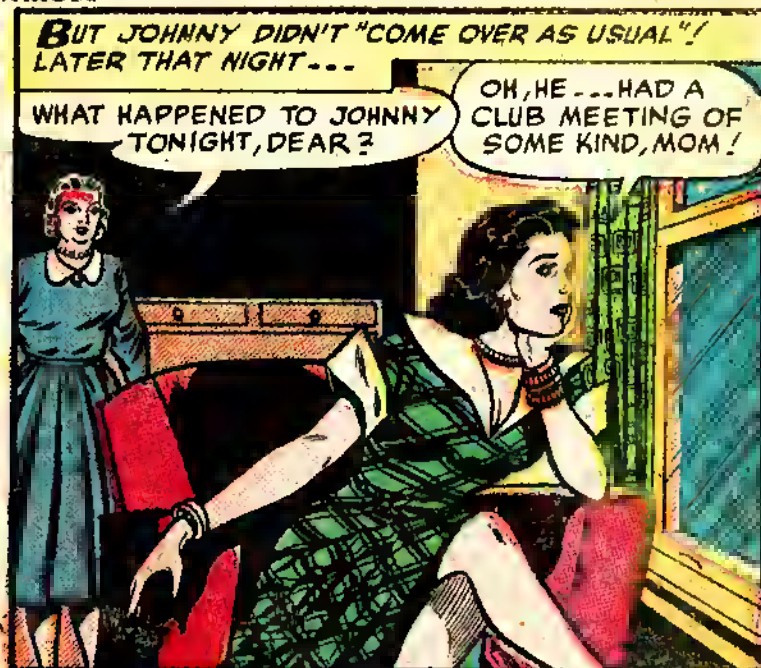
I SHOULDN'T HAVE DOUBTED JOHNNY! HE'LL COME OVER TONIGHT, AS USUAL, AND... I'LL APOLOGIZE TO HIM!



BUT JOHNNY DIDN'T "COME OVER AS USUAL"! LATER THAT NIGHT...

WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHNNY TONIGHT, DEAR?

OH, HE... HAD A CLUB MEETING OF SOME KIND, MOM!



DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING OUT ALONE! WHY, IT'S AFTER TEN, LEILA!

JUST FOR A BREATH OF AIR! I... HAVE A HEADACHE!



BUT IT WAS A HEARTACHE FROM WHICH I SOUGHT RELIEF! AND THEN...

THAT'S... JOHNNY'S CAR! HE MUST BE ON HIS WAY TO THE HOUSE!



NO! NO, THERE'S SOMEONE WITH HIM!

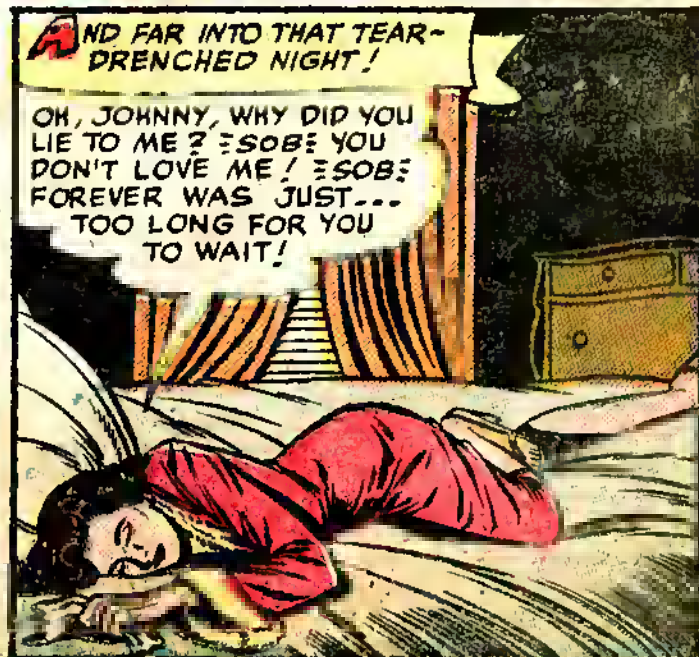


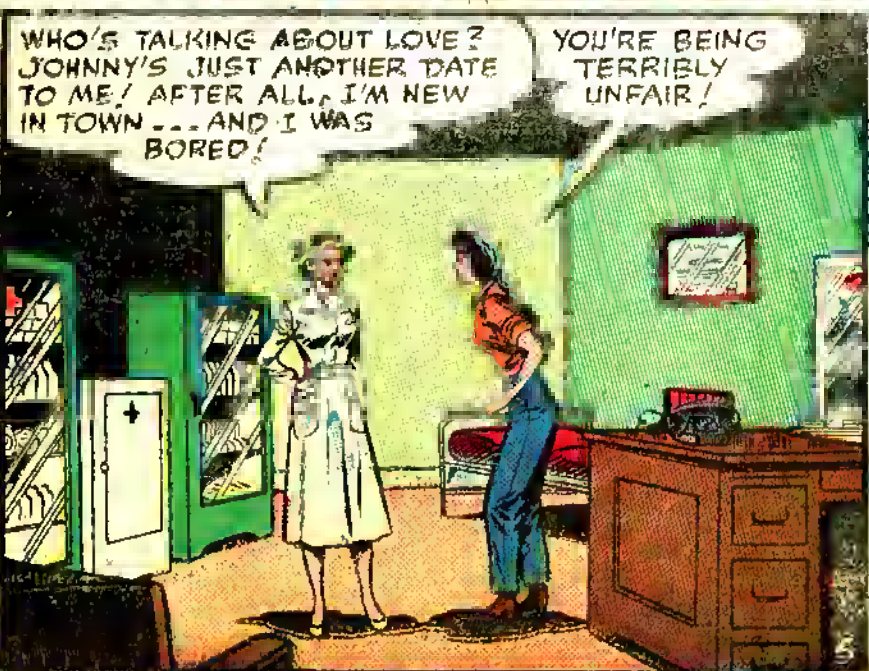
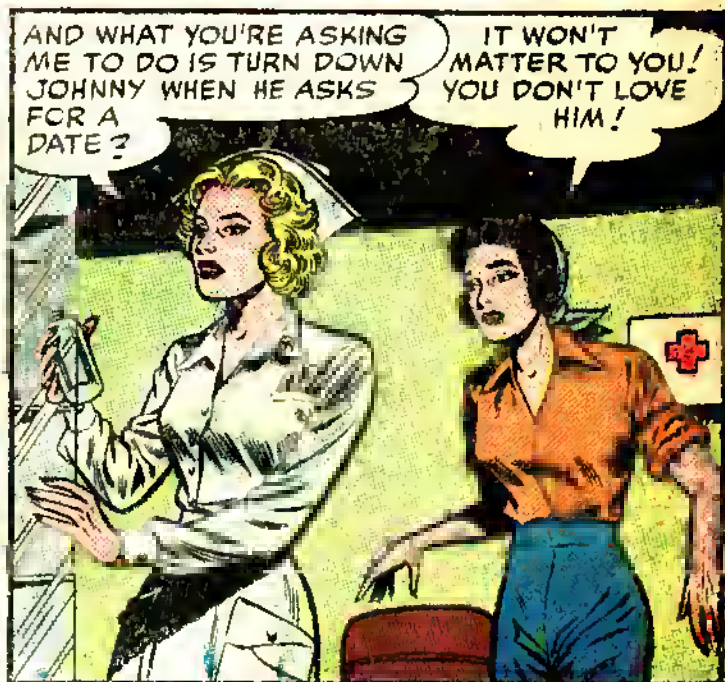
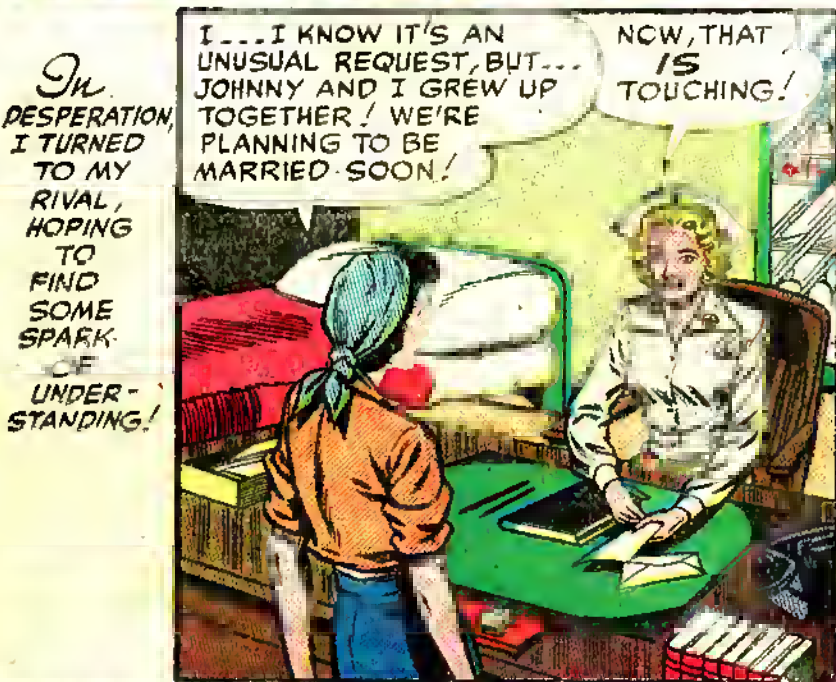
WORDS CAN NEVER EXPRESS THE SHOCKED, NUMB FEELING THAT POSSESSED ME AS I SAW THAT JOHNNY'S COMPANION WAS... MURIEL DAVIES!



AND FAR INTO THAT TEAR-DRENCHED NIGHT!

OH, JOHNNY, WHY DID YOU LIE TO ME? *SOB* YOU DON'T LOVE ME! *SOB* FOREVER WAS JUST... TOO LONG FOR YOU TO WAIT!





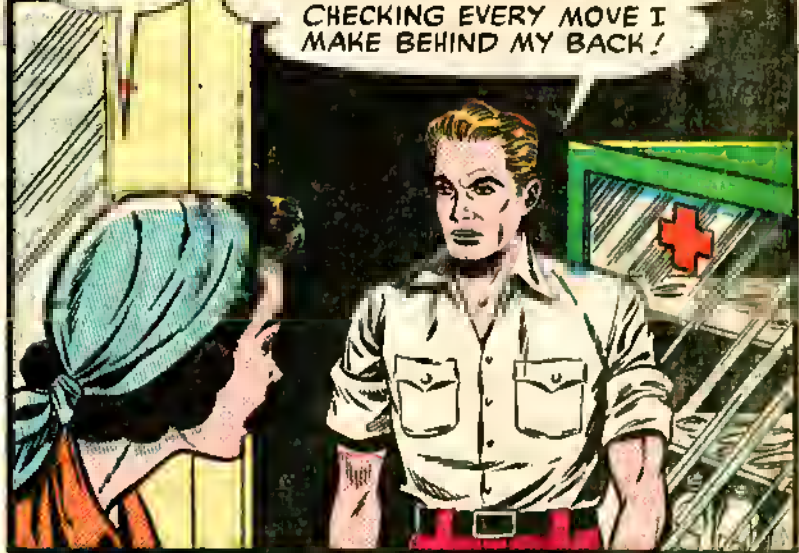
I LOVE JOHNNY!
I'M NOT GOING TO
LET---

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
LET ME DO **WHAT?**



JOHNNY!

LEILA, YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO
MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS! I DON'T
NEED A PRIVATE DETECTIVE
CHECKING EVERY MOVE I
MAKE BEHIND MY BACK!



AFTER ALL,
WE AREN'T
MARRIED
YET, YOU
KNOW! AND
IT WAS YOUR
IDEA TO WAIT!

WELL, I HAVE
A BETTER IDEA!
LET'S JUST
FORGET
ABOUT IT!



HERE! YOU CAN SLIP THIS
ENGAGEMENT RING ON ONE OF
THOSE SOFT, WHITE, FEMININE
HANDS YOU'RE ALWAYS
TALKING

HMM! TEMPER,
TEMPER!



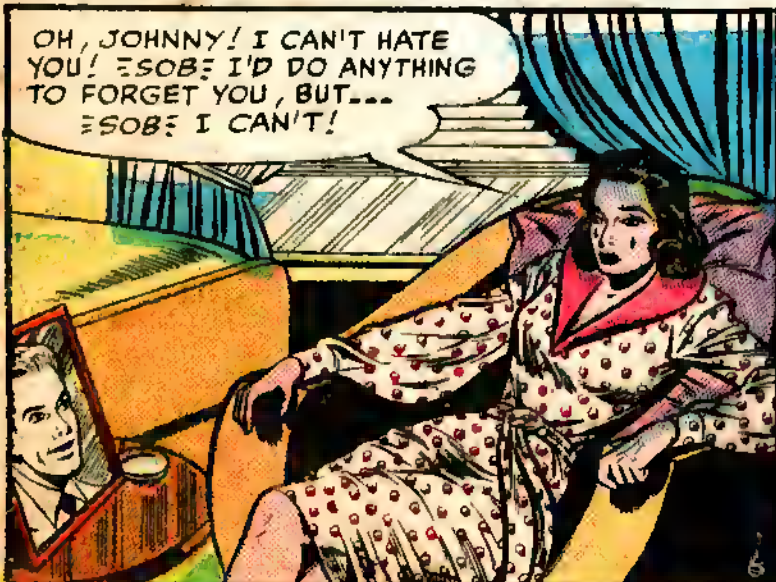
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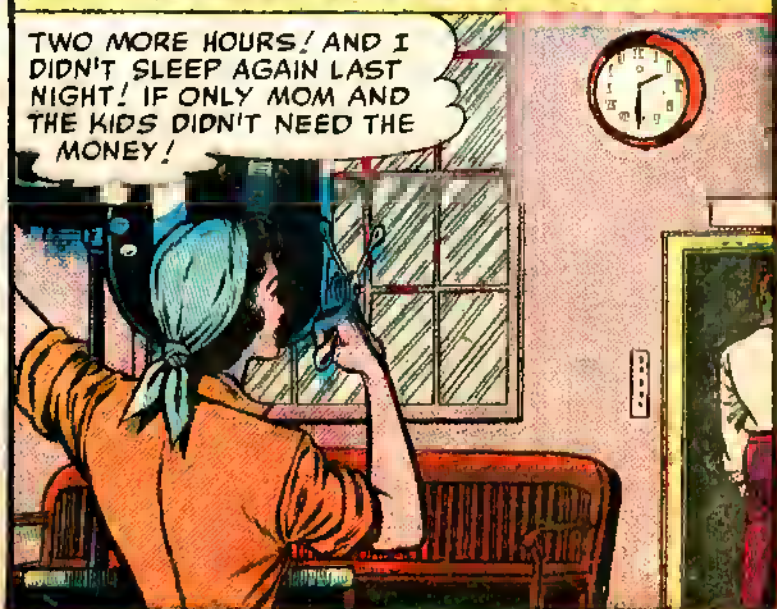
THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED WERE SHEER
TORTURE FOR ME! THE NIGHTS WERE ENDLESS!

OH, JOHNNY! I CAN'T HATE
YOU! **SOB!** I'D DO ANYTHING
TO FORGET YOU, BUT...
SOB! I CAN'T!



AND DAYS WERE NIGHTMARES OF EXHAUSTION!

TWO MORE HOURS! AND I
DIDN'T SLEEP AGAIN LAST
NIGHT! IF ONLY MOM AND
THE KIDS DIDN'T NEED THE
MONEY!



And LATE ONE AFTERNOON, MY HEARTBREAK AND FATIGUE TOOK THEIR TOLL!

I...FEEL... SORT OF DIZZY AND...

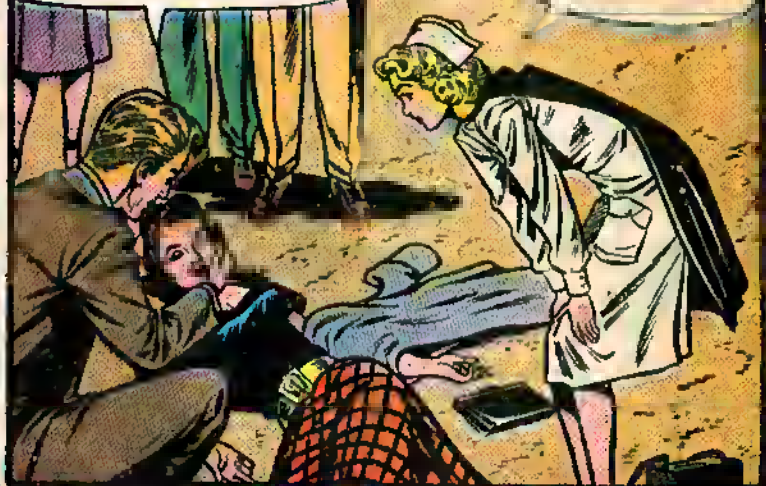
LEILA!



I WAS ONLY DIMLY AWARE OF THE SCENE AROUND ME!

QUICK, MURIEL! SHE'S FAINTED! OH, LEILA! YOU POOR TIRED KID!

STOP BEING MUSHY! CAN'T YOU SEE SHE DID THAT JUST TO GET SYMPATHY?



LEILA'S TOO HONEST TO PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT! SHE NEEDS YOUR HELP, MURIEL!

LOOK, BOY SCOUT, I QUIT WORK AT FOUR-THIRTY AND I'M GOING OUT TONIGHT!



WHY, YOU... YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO YOUR PROFESSION! I NEVER THOUGHT ANY WOMAN COULD BE SO CALLOUS!

AND I NEVER THOUGHT ANYBODY WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO FALL FOR THAT OLO FAINTING GAG!



I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT! BUT WHEN I AWOKE, I WAS AT HOME AND JOHNNY WAS STILL BESIDE ME!

JOHNNY! IT'S BEEN... A LONG TIME... SINCE YOU HELD MY HAND!

THEY'RE WORK-WORN HANDS, DARLING, BUT I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!



IT WAS A FEMININE HEART THAT I WANTED, AND... I NEARLY LOST YOURS!

NO, JOHNNY! MY HEART HAS NEVER STOPPED BELONGING TO YOU!



OH, THERE WERE STILL PROBLEMS TO IRON OUT! BUT WITH LOVE REKINDLED IN OUR HEARTS, NO PROBLEM WOULD BE TOO GREAT! FOR NOW, IT WAS ENOUGH TO LOSE MYSELF IN THE ECSTASY OF JOHNNY'S KISS!



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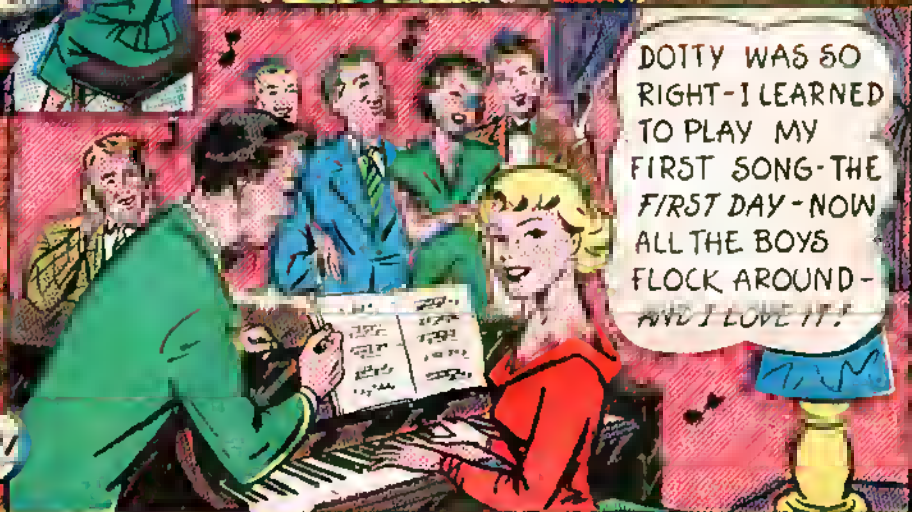
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I'M GOING TO SEND FOR MY COURSE RIGHT NOW!

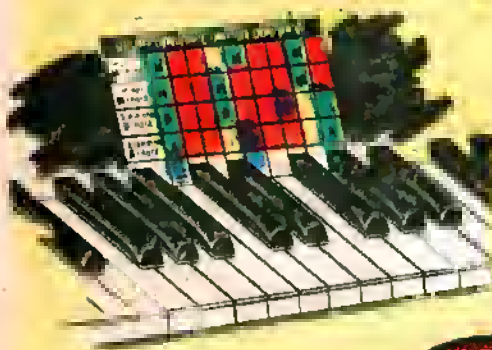
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